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Ammiano in the 9th

by Terry Beswick

You gotta hand it to Tom Ammiano.

He's nobody's patsy. "I've seen some very heinous actions on the part of this board, and even this mayor," Ammiano told the standing-room-only crowd last Thursday evening.

"Well, I'm a tough old queen."

Less than a year after his quixotic quest to take the mayor's office from Willie Brown ended in defeat, the openly gay president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is up and running again. But in this race — his first as a supervisorial candidate under the newly reinstituted district elections — most observers expect Ammiano to have less of a challenge on his hands.

"I'd like to think my chances are good," the supervisor quipped, perhaps feigning modesty before the dozens of jovial supporters gathered for a July 27 campaign kickoff in the back lot of the Mission District's El Rio nightclub.

First elected to the board in 1994, the progressive Ammiano became its reigning president when he was re-elected with the greatest number of votes citywide in 1998. Now a seasoned civic activist, he was also the top vote-getter in the 1990 San Francisco Board of Education race, and served terms as its president and vice president.

But it was last fall, when he dued incumbent Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. for the city's biggest political enchilada that Ammiano proved the depth and breadth of his support among San Francisco voters. Ultimately, it may have been only Ammiano's delay in deciding to throw down the glove, and belatedly enter the race that doomed his chances of winning the mayor's office.

"Miraculous," read the headlines after the general election, when the schoolteacher-cum-supervisor's grassroots write-in insurgency knocked out a slew of other mayoral hopefuls, taking out a couple of the big boys of San Francisco politics, including a millionaire and a former mayor.

The chief architect of San Francisco's groundbreaking equal benefits ordinance, which requires companies doing business with the city to offer benefits to domestic partners of employees if they offer those benefits to employees' spouses, Ammiano has been an outspoken leader on gay and lesbian civil rights, as well as HIV/AIDS issues.

But the New Jersey native's gayness did not define his campaign for mayor, nor has it defined his tenure on the board of supervisors.

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Tom Ammiano



Belly up!

Freddy Palmer demonstrates his flagging skills during the annual Up Your Alley street fair on Dore Alley Sunday, July 30. For more details, see Mister Marcus' Bazaar column on page 42.

Jane Philomen Cléland

LGBT people speak out against legislation Fighting for justice — not hate crime laws

by Katie Szymanski

Would the average lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender person support a law that punishes thoughts and feelings? Would LGBT people support sentencing a person with HIV to attempted murder for spitting at somebody because a prosecutor decided to assign intent to that person's actions? That is exactly what would happen under the overwhelmingly popular, seemingly pro-gay proposed and existing hate crimes laws in America, according to a growing number of queer activists around the country.

You don't have to tow the conservative line that "all crimes are hate crimes" to be opposed to hate crimes legislation, as many progressive LGBT activists are demonstrating. The push for hate crimes legislation is a right-wing political tool that could ultimately be used against lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders, the poor, and ethnic minorities, say LGBT people who object to or feel shaky about "enhanced penalties" for those accused of targeting minority victims. The reasons to reject such measures, they say, are not because hate crimes don't exist, but because the laws give the state the power to assign intent to a person's actions, and in the end, those accused and sentenced will perpetuate the prison industry's disproportionate makeup of LGBTs and racial

minorities. The laws also wind up pitting one minority group against another, they point out, as seen in many criminal trials where prosecutors bend over backwards to gain political points with one group, and run contrary to both gay history and human rights in valuing one group of people over another.

"Enhanced criminal penalties rely on a criminal-justice system that is racist and is increasingly punitive ... and there is no assurance that the hate-crimes legislation would not be used against the same group of people that it is supposedly intended to protect," said Carolina Cordero Dyer in a recent *New York Newsday* op-ed piece. The writer is a board member of Brooklyn's Audre Lorde Project, an LGBT center for people of color. "Supporting enhanced criminalization of hate crime drives a wedge between the lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender movement and social justice-prison reform movements working toward reduced reliance on incarceration to solve complicated social problems. We can find effective ways to reduce violence against our communities without relying on enhanced criminalization."

There are many LGBT people who would agree with justice system reform and yet still support hate crimes laws. Terry Person, executive director of Community United Against Violence, and a lesbian of color, agrees that the prison industry and po-

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CUAV's Terry Person

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Dick's dyke daughter Cheney's lesbian connection

by Cynthia Laird

Mary Cheney last week became a hot topic not only in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community but around the country as the lesbian daughter of one of the most conservative men in politics, Republican vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney. And, while Mary Cheney, 31, sat with her parents during this week's Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, gays were praising her as open-minded and ready to help during her tenure as a corporate relations manager targeting the LGBT community at Coors Brewing Company.

Coors has had a checkered and sometimes hostile relationship with gays that stretches back to the 1970s, though in recent years the company has established a gay and lesbian employee association and given hundreds of thousands of dollars to gay groups across the country. But sometimes the money isn't welcome; in San Francisco, for example, the LGBT Community Center Pro-

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Mary Cheney at East Bay Pride in 1998

Cynthia Laird

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Gay District 8 supe candidate wants power

by Terry Beswick

Pow," Shawn O'Hearn replied, "er." "Pow-er, power, power," he emphasized, asked why he's running for supe.

In March, O'Hearn, 37, was elected to the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee, his first elected position since he was president of his high school student council.

And this November, the six-year resident of the Duboce Triangle area will make his third consecutive attempt at winning a bigger piece of the city's political power pie, as one of 11 members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

It will be O'Hearn's first run under the district elections system, as it is for incumbent Supervisor Mark Leno, as well as six others seeking the privilege of representing the voters of the 8th District.

O'Hearn reports that so far he has about \$3,500 in small donations to support his current race. He formally kicked off his campaign last Saturday, July 29, with a small event at his home.

In both previous supervisory races, O'Hearn raised and spent less than \$1,000, garnering 8,600 votes in 1996, and nearly 18,000 votes two years ago. And for his successful run earlier this year for the DCCC, O'Hearn said he "didn't spend a penny and didn't get any political club or newspaper endorsements," attributing his 10,944 votes to traditional door-to-door campaigning.

There are a lot of gays and lesbians — a higher proportion than any other city district — among the 51,000 voters of District 8, which includes Twin Peaks-Corona Heights, Duboce-Reverse Triangle, Castro-Dolores Heights, Noe Valley, Diamond Heights, and Glen Park.

And of the eight candidates running for the seat, at least half are openly gay or lesbian, including O'Hearn, Leno, Eileen Hansen, and Gary Virginia.

But O'Hearn said it's not good enough to be just gay or lesbian. He believes the district needs male leadership.

"To be honest, I think we should have a gay man," O'Hearn said, adding that, "Lesbians can represent us on other levels." He noted that San Francisco Assemblywoman Carole Migden is a lesbian, for example.

Of course, incumbent Leno also is a man, but O'Hearn said that he is the best candidate "be-



District 8 candidate Shawn O'Hearn at his July 29 campaign kickoff.

cause I am the smartest."

"I don't want to dethrone him, I want him to move up. I just think it's time for [Leno] to move on," O'Hearn said. "I don't think he's doing a good job."

O'Hearn, who works as an HIV prevention educator, served until recently as a member of the city's HIV Prevention Planning Council, which oversees federal spending on HIV prevention programs in San Francisco. During his two-year tenure on the HPPC, O'Hearn distinguished himself as a strong advocate for lifting the city's ban on enclosed spaces in bathhouses serving gay clientele. The HPPC agreed, voting to recommend scrapping the policy — only to be overruled by Mitch Katz, director of the Department of Public Health.

The candidate also worked on the council to shift more of the city's \$10 million in federal HIV prevention dollars to programs targeting gay white men, complaining that the city was spending too much on HIV prevention programs for women and people of color, given their relatively low representation in the city's HIV population.

"I felt that not enough money was going to gay organizations," O'Hearn told the B.A.R. "Everyone comes with hands open and what happens in terms of priority-setting is that funding for gay men is low, very low."

A 1986 graduate of the University of San Diego with a degree in political science, O'Hearn currently works at City College of San Francisco in the HIV/STD Education Office training peer educators in HIV/STD prevention.

In addition to providing position papers on a number of com-

munity issues, O'Hearn's Web site (www.ohearn4supervisor.com) stated that he is past co-chair of the Lavender Caucus for Local 790 Service Employees International Union, and also belongs to a host of neighborhood and environmental groups, and Democratic clubs.

Notably, it does not mention his active membership in at least one local group: ACT UP/San Francisco. O'Hearn said he joined "recently," adding that he was first inspired by the group when attending an infamous 1996 event on that year's supervisory race, during which members of the group threw used cat litter at the moderator, San Francisco AIDS Foundation Executive Director Pat Christen.

"I'd never seen anything like it," he said. While noting that he does not support violent behavior, he said that he was angry at the forum's sponsors for excluding him from the podium.

The local ACT UP chapter is an HIV "dissident" group, holding that AIDS is caused by factors other than HIV, and that HIV drugs are toxic poison. Although O'Hearn has supported the latter position, the HIV prevention worker would not say whether or not he believes that HIV causes AIDS.

"Over the years I've had so many friends and lovers die of AIDS as it's currently defined," said O'Hearn. He explained that he became angry about the issue after testing positive himself in 1986 — and then negative on a confirmatory test. He has not taken the test again. "It's just that as a gay man in this society, I'm still wondering whether the accurate information is being given to us." ▼

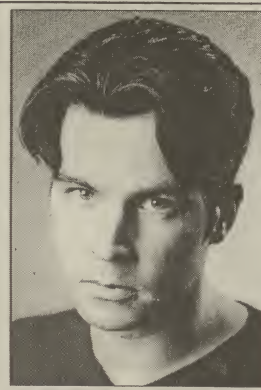
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State tax laws will honor your LGBT family

by Katie Szymanski

Do it; check that box. You can now without hassle claim "head of household" status on your state tax forms if you are a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender parent supporting your alternative family. You don't even have to be the legal adoptive parent, nor the one who has given birth to your child.

The California Board of Equalization voted 3-2 on July 26 to uphold the right of LGBT people to receive tax credit for their financial roles at home. The vote was the result of the "Appeal of Helmi Hisserich," a motion brought before BOE by member Johan Klehs that protested a lesbian's inability to declare "head of household" on her 1997 state taxes despite the fact that she supported her family. In that case, the taxpayer and her partner agreed that her partner would stop working and bear their child by artificial insemination, the two women would share joint parenting responsibilities, and the taxpayer would continue working to provide financial support for the family. The couple's daughter carries the taxpayer's as well as the partner's last name, but second-parent adoption proceedings had not been finalized by the time it was tax filing season for that year. Despite being together for 10 years, the couple could not

file taxes jointly because they could not marry, but at the same time, the taxpayer could not declare "head of household" because vague wording had been interpreted to mean that her child must either be legally adopted or biological.

Last week's ruling stops that discrimination, according to Klehs, and recognizes the additional obstacles faced by LGBT parents.

"Ultimately the questions for me came down to: who would the child consider to be its parents, who would the parents consider to be their child, and what does the law say about 'head of household' status?"

"This decision ensures 'head of household' filing status for qualifying families, regardless of their sexual orientation," Klehs told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "Ultimately the questions for me came down to: who would the child consider to be its parents, who would the parents consider to be their child, and what does the law say about 'head of household' status? Clearly this

woman met all of the criteria."

A "head of household" taxpayer means that the person is unmarried, lives with his/her child more than half the year, and provides more than 50 percent of the household finances.

"The law, while it calls for a son or daughter to be involved, gives no definition beyond that," said Klehs, who battled those who insisted that the child be biological. Interestingly, while it always helps

for an LGBT parent to have started the adoption process where "head of household" claims are concerned, it helps in the adoption process to be already declared as "head of household" as well.

BOE members Kathleen Connell and John Chiang joined Klehs in approving the measure; Republicans Dean Andal and Claude Parrish were opposed. ▼

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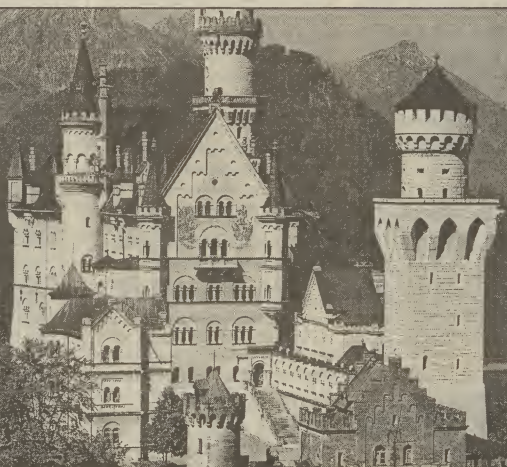
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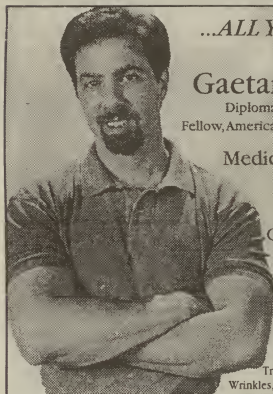
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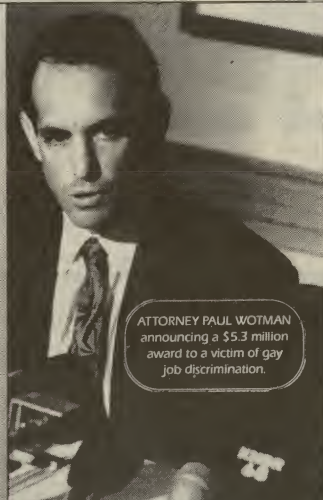
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Olympic gold medal figure skater Brian Boitano, center, was one of many celebrities who participated in the Richard/Ermet AIDS Foundation's sixth annual "Help Is On the Way" Monday, July 31 at the Palace of Fine Arts. Flanking Boitano are the show's associate producer, Robert Sokol, left, and foundation representative Kai Hand. This year's theme was a celebration of the music of Cole Porter. Performers included Lisa Vroman, Sharon McNight, Bruce Vilanch, Maureen McGovern, Jill Eikenberry and Michael Tucker, and Betty Garrett. Sexy Matt Zarely was cheered for his rendition of the Porter classic, "Love for Sale." The event raised thousands of dollars for AIDS service organizations, including the Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center, ARIS of Santa Clara County, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, the Center for AIDS Services, Continuum, Positive Resource Center, and the Stop AIDS Project.

Pride power breakfast in San Rafael next week

by Katie Szymanski

Chomp, chomp, slurp, slurp, discuss, discuss. What better way to enlighten the mind than over a meal? The August Pride Power Breakfast – hosted by the Pride Collaborative of the United Way – includes muffins, bagels, coffee, and a panelists' forum entitled "LGBT Workplace Issues: Domestic Partner Benefits and Leveraging Your Employee Resource Group." Featured speakers are Tor Taylor, vice president, management information solutions, for Charles Schwab and Company; Paula Jones, attorney at Paula S. Jones and Associates; and Cynthia Goldstein, equal benefits program manager at the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Goldstein will talk about current issues in the enforcement of San Francisco's landmark equal benefits ordinance, and how Seattle and Los Angeles are adapting the ordinance for their own use. The law requires companies that contract with the city to offer benefits to domestic partners of employees if those benefits are offered to employee spouses.

The breakfast – held next Friday, August 11, from 8-9:30 a.m. – will arm guests with information on current workplace obstacles to equal benefits, and strategies for overcoming them. Panelists will also engage in a question and answer session designed to address individual concerns.

This month's Pride Power Breakfast is at the Chinook Restaurant and Cafe, 1128 4th Street, in San Rafael. Co-hosted by Spectrum, Marin County's LGBT center, the breakfast requests a \$10 donation at the door. Please RSVP to Selisse Berry at (415) 439-4272, or selisse.berry@theunitedway.com. ▼

Correction

In "Bareback 'outings' spark debate over well-known secret," in the July 27 Bay Area Reporter, Stop AIDS Project staffer Keith Folger was quoted saying, "There isn't a gay man in the world who doesn't have unprotected anal sex." The comment was actually made by San Francisco HIV Prevention Planning Council member Vince Gaither. We regret the error.

Clarification

Due to a misunderstanding, in "Opiates involved in MCC shelter death," in the July 27 issue, it was reported that "Mitchell Thompson, director of a city-funded queer youth program in the Castro, had repeatedly referred Oliver to drug treatment programs over the last several years..." In a July 25 interview with the B.A.R., Thompson had said that the late Curtis Oliver Jr. "in the past had drug problems," and "had been out of control in the past and I helped to get him referred." We wish to clarify that, according to Thompson, he did not refer the deceased young man to drug treatment programs. The actual cause of death remains under investigation by the San Francisco Medical Examiner's office.

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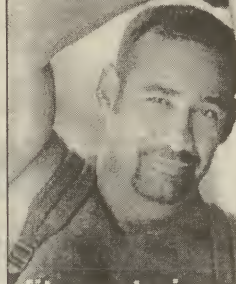
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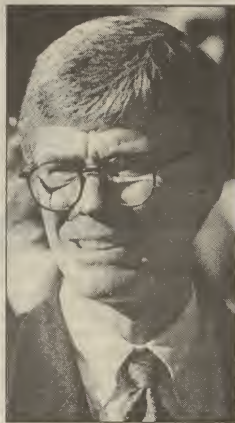
by Katie Szymanski

It is the season to mistrust the AIDS infrastructure, or so this week's political agenda indicates. The public is invited to participate in two gatherings intended to get answers to confusing data and unveil the secrecy behind funding at both the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the University of California, San Francisco's Center for AIDS Prevention Studies and AIDS Research Institute. Both events were inspired by the recent article about a DPH report in the *San Francisco Chronicle* that HIV cases in San Francisco had increased to 900; DPH officials later recanted that statement in the *Bay Area Reporter*.

Kicking off the confrontation will be a demonstration at USCF's CAPS this Monday, August 7 from noon to 1 p.m. A news conference and picket line will take place at 74 New Montgomery Street (at Market) to "protest against the secrecy and duplicity at CAPS and ARI." Sunflowers will be presented to officials of both entities to represent the need to adhere to the sunshine ordinance.

According to a press release issued by Michael Petrelis, the demonstration organizer, the two programs receive roughly \$68 million annually from public agencies yet refuse to hold public meetings to explain how they're spending it. By comparison, said Petrelis, even the highly controversial San Francisco AIDS Foundation is more accountable to the public. Petrelis also accused activist Jeff Sheehy of hypocrisy for being a longtime proponent of opening the financial books of other AIDS organizations, yet also working as the communications director for CAPS and ARI.

Sheehy, speaking for himself and not as a representative of UCSCF, dismissed the charge, citing the difference in applicable rules between private nonprofits and state bodies like UCSCF. CAPS and ARI will issue their own re-



Dr. Tom Coates

sponses later in the week, but for now Sheehy says he is enjoying the personal publicity.

"To be honest I'm extremely grateful to Petrelis for highlighting my role in the sunshine ordinance," said Sheehy. "I intend to meet him with roses. Sunflowers are nice but I think he gets the better end of the deal."

Nevertheless, people will gather to demand of Sheehy's organizations what he has sometimes demanded of private nonprofits: 1) that CAPS and ARI hold monthly public meetings to explain its research and findings; 2) that the two bodies disclose all contracts and protocols; 3) that they release data pertaining to salaries and compensation packages of all employees making over \$50,000 a year; and 4) that they establish a community advisory board, composed of at least 50 percent of community members who don't work for the AIDS industry.

Of particular concern to Petrelis is Dr. Willi McFarland's relationship with CAPS. McFarland is the DPH health official who originally told the *Chronicle* that San Francisco's HIV rates had soared to a "sub-Saharan" level, then backpedaled on that figure

in a subsequent interview with the *B.A.R.* Petrelis said he requested the figures to back up McFarland's report but was denied access to that information.

"Shouldn't the gay community and the entire city have access to the scientific proof and numbers behind such an outrageous statement?" said Petrelis. "I say yes."

Hearing Wednesday

Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano believes so as well.

Ammiano is holding a public hearing this Wednesday, August 9, to get some much needed clarity on the now-muddled HIV statistics in San Francisco. DPH's Dr. Mitch Katz and CAPS's Dr. Tom Coates will attend to present their findings and answer questions so as to make clear the HIV infection numbers in this city.

"The reason that I'm holding the hearing is that the original statistics indicated an increase in HIV infection in San Francisco and the news caught on like wildfire across the nation. But there has been some controversy about the accuracy of the report, and we want to find out what the definitive numbers are and give the community a clear idea of what's truly happening," Ammiano told the *B.A.R.*

"I think as many people as possible should show up to

Wednesday's hearing," said Sheehy, "Because we do have an HIV crisis on our hands."

Ammiano's hearing will also examine how DPH spends HIV prevention funds by asking for details of current and future prevention programs at the department. Wednesday's hearing is at 11 a.m. in room 267, the committee room, of City Hall. ▼

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OPEN FORUM

The real Republicans

The people tuning in to the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia aren't seeing the real Grand Old Party. Instead, the audience is being treated to an infomercial that is so scripted and devoid of substance that it has become a sanitized version of the Republican Party. Texas Governor George W. Bush, who will be formally nominated tonight but whose position as the Republican presidential nominee was decided months ago, has gone to great lengths to avoid controversy, infighting, and public displays of unhappiness among the thousands of delegates.

The Bush campaign reviewed each speaker's remarks – all various disingenuous spins on the theme of "unity."

What's so frustrating about all the glitz is that, underneath it all, the Republican Party is just as homophobic as ever. The party platform for 2000 contains the same anti-gay language as previous platforms: it defines marriage as being between a man and a woman, is against gays in the military, opposes nondiscrimination legislation for gays and lesbians, and praises the U.S. Supreme Court for allowing the Boy Scouts of America to ban gay troop leaders. The platform is still extreme in its position on abortion, calling for a constitutional amendment to outlaw the practice.

When Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe spoke in prime time Tuesday night, he made history by becoming the first openly gay elected official to address a GOP convention. Yet, he did not talk about gay rights; instead, he droned on about the importance of international trade. Members of the Log Cabin Republicans called the fact that he was speaking a sign that Bush isn't biased against gays. But they miss the point. If that were truly the case, Bush, who has managed to control virtually every aspect of this convention, would have put his foot down and demanded that the party platform committee excise some of the more anti-gay language from the document. That did not happen. Gay Republicans attending the convention excused Bush's inaction by stating that Bush "doesn't control every platform person in the country." Hogwash. If Bush were a true leader and true to his constant themes of inclusion and welcoming "everyone" into the party, the platform would have been changed.

Senator John McCain, the man whose "straight talk" nearly forced the Bush caravan off the road during the primary season, also spoke Tuesday night. He rattled off a

litany of groups supposedly welcomed by the GOP – women, independents, minorities; yet, he could not say, "gays and lesbians" or "people of any sexual orientation." Why? Because the truth is that Republicans don't want us and can't stand us.

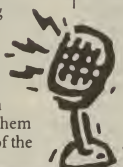
And that truth was in evidence – albeit briefly – Tuesday during Kolbe's short trade speech. About 20 percent of the Texas delegation – Bush's home state people who were seated right in front of the podium – were so incensed that an openly gay man was addressing them that they talked about walking out of the convention hall. When Bush's campaign people got wind of that, they went into overdrive, sending workers into the delegation to stave off such a public demonstration that surely would have caught the attention of the American people. Instead, when Kolbe started speaking, those diehard homophobes took off their cowboy hats and bowed their heads in silent protest. One even held up a sign proclaiming, "There is a way out," evidently referring to the misguided belief of some in the religious right that homosexuals can be "cured" through faith.

To a large extent, the silent protest did not make headlines, although CNN covered the dispute and showed the Bush workers – wearing orange hats with "W" emblazoned on them – frantically talking to delegates. Then CNN showed the silent protest and the sign. The picture spoke volumes about the true feelings of the Republican Party.

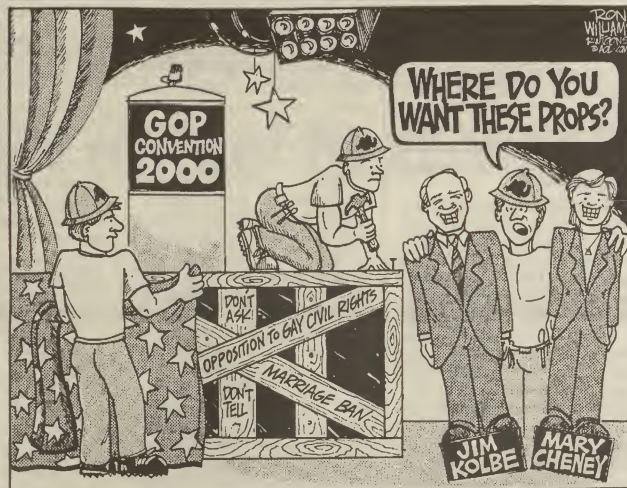
Gay Republican apologists talked this week about how far the GOP has come. What a line. This convention, like others, is 90 percent white. Delegates represent some of the most loyal in the party, and those who are most uncomfortable with gays and firmly opposed to gay rights.

The LGBT community must look beyond the convention, to what a Bush presidency would mean for this country in terms of working to end discrimination against us and achieve equal rights. While the Clinton administration has its problems, a Bush administration would be much worse.

The balloons and warm, fuzzy images coming from Philadelphia are a smoke screen. The real Republican Party is as anti-gay as ever, and no amount of window dressing will cover that up. ▼



Editorial



Our dying youth

by Richard Wahl

I recently found out that my friend has HIV. He contracted it from his boyfriend. They have been together for about two and a half years now. His boyfriend – and I use the term loosely – withheld that he was HIV-positive. Even when asked his status, he denied it. Now my friend has it and he is only 24; his boyfriend is my age, 36. What a crime. And this is not the first time I have heard this. One of my other friends who is my age contracted HIV from his boyfriend when he was in his early 20s. How many horror stories do we need to hear?

I see it as a cold-hearted act of first-degree murder. I think it is time that we as a community start finding ways to protect ourselves and those we love from those who would prey upon our lives, young and old.

We rant and rave about "safe sex" and "safer sex," when what we need to do is to come out of the closet on our HIV status. If we want to stop the AIDS epidemic, then we need to stop infecting ourselves again and again. We need to stop pointing our fingers at the other contributing factors and get real. If I know that the fellow I am with has HIV, I am damn sure going to be more careful. Perhaps this sounds like a great way to start a witch-hunt or to segregate those who are HIV-negative and those who are HIV-positive.

If we really are serious about stopping the AIDS epidemic that is spreading around the globe and beginning to once again rise in the United States, then everyone knows that to isolate the virus is the way to kill it.

We don't need any government regulation to kill the virus we just need some self respect and respect for those around us.

However, I do think that if a person knowingly infects another, that he or she be tried as a murderer. This ignorant policy of "Don't Tell, Don't Ask" among the gay community in regard to HIV status is killing us. Why do we support such a thing?

What also concerns me and ought to concern the entire community, is that the guys that make up the high increase of new cases of HIV are only 18-24. My last boyfriend was 24. Many of my friends are 24 or so. Does this mean that I am going to watch a lot of my friends die? That is if I am lucky enough not to have contracted the virus myself. Why are we allowing those we love and adore to be infected? Who in their right mind would do something that might possibly harm another? We call them criminals. We lock them up.

We need to wake up and take control of our community and those members who are destroying the community by lying about their status and/or not telling that they are HIV-positive. I think it is one's duty to tell someone you are going to get intimate with that you are HIV-positive. Fuck the rejection factor, we are talking about life and the destruction therein.

We need to grow up and get real and start being virtuous and righteous in regard to what is right and wrong and we all know that murder is wrong. There can be no ra-

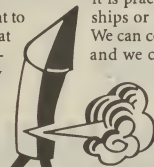
tionale for not telling someone you are HIV-positive. And if they reject your intimacy, what is wrong with that, you don't hug and kiss and make out with people with influenza. No we stay clear, we take care not to get it ourselves. It is a natural defense mechanism that we have.

So it is not like the rejection is personal, it is practical. It does not mean no friendships or closeness, but it means knowing. We can condemn the barebacking advocates and we can blame lack of education, but where the real blame should and ought to be placed is right in our very own lap.

If we love ourselves and our community and all those beautiful men and women, then why are we not asking and telling the single most important piece of information – HIV status.

I am not advocating telling the world, what I am advocating is telling our partners. What I am advocating is respect for ourselves. What I am advocating is a truly loving LesBiGay community, and what I mean by "respect" and "loving" is that what we learn about those we meet, should be kept to ourselves. Let's stop all the gossip and character assassinations and start to respect privacy. And let us no longer allow these sexual predators to run free – killing. ▼

Richard Wahl, of Maui, Hawaii, is the president of Both Sides Now Incorporated



Guest Opinion

LETTERS

Excuse me

In your front-page article about Gil Criswell ["District 6 supe candidate Gil Criswell explains 'an ugly time,'" July 20], your reporter states that Criswell insists "... his arrest itself was an attempt by former Mayor Frank Jordan's administration to discredit witnesses against the police."

The embezzlement of which he was charged, and to which he pleaded guilty took place in 1986. He disappeared from sight until 1988, when he appeared before the Police Commission to complain about police conduct. Because he appeared on television, and was recognized by some of his victims, he was arrested in 1989. He pleaded guilty to felony grand theft.

Did he ever make restitution to the Easter Seals Society for his theft? What he embezzled in 1986 was equivalent to three or four months salary for a physical therapist or speech therapist, to provide services to children and adults with disabilities. Does he express any remorse for what he did, or for the services which he may have denied to people in need?

At the age of 23 or 24, he was already an adult, and accepted employment as a responsible adult. He violated that trust. Why are we to think he is any more mature now than he was then? Based on my reading of the article, he appears to be adept at blaming others for what he, himself has done in violating public trust.

It has been a long time since I took my one and only class in political science, can a convicted felon run for political office?

Unfortunately, I am not a voter in District 6, but I hope the voters there will respond to his candidacy with a resounding "No!"

John L. Darby
San Francisco

[Editor's note: We checked with the Elections Department, which told us that someone cannot vote or run for office if they are in prison for a felony or on parole. Neither of those conditions currently applies to Mr. Criswell.]

Not to worry

Unlike in 1986 when he was charged with a felony for embezzling money from the Easter Seals Society, if supervisor candidate Gilbert Criswell were to forge checks today, he would not have to worry about being prosecuted. The District Attorney's office no longer has time to go after people for such minor offenses as embezzlement. Instead, under the "leadership" of Terence Hallinan, the DA's office now spends all its time and efforts on prosecuting real criminals - property owners who try to move into the homes they own.

William Horton
San Francisco

DPH answered the question

We are writing to both thank the B.A.R. for reporting an important research study conducted by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (regarding the counseling for partners of people diagnosed with HIV infection and the use of new technology to identify recent infections) as well as to provide some important clarification to the story ["DPH's quarter million dollar flop," July 27]. Absent clarification, one might be led to believe that the first empirical data questioning partner counseling and referral services as an effective use of limited HIV prevention dollars in San Francisco was indeed a "flop" or a waste of resources. In fact, the funding to conduct this evaluation came directly from CDC and did not interfere or reduce our CDC funding for HIV prevention. Had San Francisco not been awarded the grant, another jurisdiction would have. And, given the differences in the HIV epidemic nationally and our city's epidemic, it is not out of the question that such a study elsewhere would have made gay men invisible.

If in fact the study was a "flop," the reader is left without a clear reason to believe this to be so. As we are all well aware, the success of a scientific investigation lies in its ability to answer the study question. We were able to do so. For almost the past two decades, the highly controversial intervention, then known as partner notification (which prior to 1985 was called contact tracing), has been touted as an effective and important component in a jurisdiction's HIV prevention programming. In demonstrating provider-assisted partner counseling services to be relatively ineffective in San Francisco, we have not only given our HIV Prevention Planning Council strong evidence to consider when setting priorities, we have also provided critical data about an intervention whose merit has a life of its own in Congress. We can not forget that partner notification is a lightning rod of attention when HIV prevention is discussed, when the CARE Act's reauthorization is being considered, and is used to support instituting name-based HIV reporting.

Mr. Beswick also missed one of the other major contributions of our study. It was through this research that we were able to implement the detuned ELISA test at the voluntary counseling and testing sites. This testing strategy is our most important tool

for monitoring the HIV epidemic because it allows us to measure the rate of new HIV infections, to identify the groups in whom new infections are occurring, and to target interventions. To our knowledge, we are the only jurisdiction in which the detuned ELISA has been implemented as part of voluntary HIV counseling and testing.

Finally, we would like to correct several errors in Mr. Beswick's article regarding the detuned ELISA. First, the detuned ELISA was incorrectly referred to as the "highly sensitive ELISA." The detuned ELISA is in fact also called the "less sensitive ELISA." The description of the test was also incorrect in Mr. Beswick's article. The test is able to distinguish persons who became HIV infected within the past six months from persons who became HIV infected sometime beyond the last six months. This test differentiates persons who seroconverted in the last 129 days from persons who seroconverted sometime beyond the past 129 days. In addition, Dr. Sandra Schwarcz, not Dr. Willi McFarland, presented the study findings at the 13th International AIDS Conference.

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[Terry Beswick responds: The article noted that it was based on a preliminary report publicly circulated by McFarland in July, and also clearly noted the researchers' position that because a question was answered, the study should not be considered a "flop."]

Sounds like a double standard

I read, with great amusement, Wayne Friday's comments ["Our Man Friday," July 27] regarding the Harvey Milk Club PAC's recommendation of straight candidates for supervisor in districts 3, 5, and 6. In his column, Mr. Friday chastises the Milk Club and uses a quote attributed to Harvey Milk regarding the necessity of the community electing qualified lesbians and gay men to public office.

My only comment is to ask Mr. Friday why, in 1995, he supported Frank Jordan over Roberta Achtenberg, and why, in 1999, he supported Willie Brown over Tom Ammannio? Sounds like a double standard to me.

Jerry T. Windley
San Francisco

Why should we reward them?

Regarding Wayne Friday's column, stating Harvey Milk said if a gay candidate and a straight candidate are comparable, the gay community would do well to elect one of its own: I was a friend of Harvey's and can tell you that there were many gays and lesbians he would not have voted for because of their stands on issues he cared about.

Juanita Owens and Lawrence Wong are not comparable to the pro-gay progressive people that the Milk Club endorsed. Take Ms. Owens: during her tenure in the Feinstein administration, she did not support domestic partner benefits and comparable worth pay for women. Recently, while on the Board of Education, she voted to privatize one of our public schools (Republican Donald Fisher's Edison Project). Today, the school is in shambles with half of the teachers threatening to quit in protest over the insistence of profit at the expense of the children's education.

Lawrence Wong voted to invite the discriminatory ROTC onto City College. As a Vietnam veteran, the last thing I want to see a gay person do is contribute to turning our young people into cannon fodder in a system that rejects gays and lesbians.

One last point: if Wayne Friday, Juanita Owens, and Lawrence Wong practiced what they preach, they would have supported Tom Ammannio for mayor. None of them did, which shows me that their "Lavender Sweep" rhetoric is little more than self-serving hypocrisy.

Dennis Seely
San Francisco

Insists on condoms

It's simply not true. Vince Gaither is simply wrong when he says that all gay men are practicing unprotected anal sex. His self-rationalizing falsehood is like the denial of a drunk who thinks that it's normal to

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drink a quart of gin every day. I, for one, insist on condoms. Many of my friends say they do also, and I trust them much more than I would Gaither's invitation to the Lemming Beach Party.

Barebacking is not universal, but it is frighteningly common. That's a reality that has to be dealt with. People will – and should be able to – engage in whatever kind of consensual sex they want. Even if they are spreading a deadly disease, there is no reasonable way to stop them. That doesn't mean that as a community we have to say, well, that's all right. It's not. Just as people are entitled to make stupid, self-destructive decisions, we are also entitled to say that yes, they are being stupid and self-destructive. That probably won't change their behavior, but people who are *thinking* about barebacking should be fully aware of its ramifications.

There is a lot about HIV that remains uncertain and unproved, but we have seen countless cases of bacteria and viruses adapting to survive the medications intended to destroy them, and we know that HIV is highly adaptable. All evidence suggests that barebackers are creating a stronger, resistant, deadlier HIV.

"You don't know that for sure!" barebackers scream at me. True. And I don't know for sure that you'll break your back jumping out of a fourth story window, so go ahead and jump.

Barebackers also claim that their decision to engage in high-risk sex is a personal one, affecting nobody else. This is also not true. Countless lives, dollars, and hours of labor have gone into fighting AIDS. This continues to be tremendous diversion of our community's resources. The financial cost is staggering, the human cost incalculable. Medications are expensive, paid for through our tax dollars and insurance plans. I don't begrudge anyone the medicine they need, but people who deliberately get infected are thoughtlessly pushing up the price of everybody's medical care.

Does anybody believe that the homophobes in Congress will be nearly as helpful when faggots are deliberately infecting and re-infecting each other?

Am I being moralistic? Sure but not about sex. Get out the rubbers and let's fuck our brains out! But knowingly spreading disease is immoral. If you're uncomfortable with that word, call it stupid, irresponsible, destructive, deadly, expensive, and infantile. Nig Shelby may call me a "condom nazi" for saying that, but criticizing stupid behavior is a far cry from fascism. Killing queers with bizarre rationalizations and pseudo-science is more in line with the practice of Nazism, and that's exactly what the barebackers are doing.

Jack Fertig
San Francisco

Hot cover

Vol. 30, No. 30 was the best cover photo you have run in a decade. Hot! A real guy! He's not advertising for dollars. He is real sex, between men, for many in the city.

The story behind the photo concerning conflict of interest is short-changed without Mr. Gaither's points of view. His appointment to the HPPC seems to serve as a dialogue presented to the public through forums and represented in the third person and rehearsed scenarios. These events serve to enable the attendees to discuss among themselves how gay men make choices and negotiate sex in the city.

I do not know Mr. Gaither's role at HPPC and have not heard him speak, but this situation having gone public allows the community to broaden the dialogue about sex between men; skin to skin, latex to skin, negative and positive men negotiating sex and not just a health care issue.

It would benefit all to let him continue his role at the HPPC if he chooses.

Wes Miller
San Francisco

Don't mess with XY

I read the article in the B.A.R. "PlanetOut censors XY Web site" [July 27] and was very saddened by the news. I've been a reader of XY magazine since the first issue over four years ago.

I know I'm not alone when I say that XY helped saved my life with its hope and its words. It made my own coming out experience less troublesome and more enjoyable. Peter Ian Cummings deserves a standing ovation for his leadership and compassion for keeping XY alive and for putting it into the lives of many young gay and non-gay youth. From his experience and sincerity in these articles and editorials many queer youth have enriched their own lives and their own ideas of mainstream society.

I'm both upset and annoyed with the censorship PlanetOut has dealt to both XY magazine and Peter Ian Cummings. As a frequent visitor to the PlanetOut Web site, I've been appreciative of their own content

and articles. I subscribe to *Out* magazine and frequently purchase and browse the *Advocate*. I even visit the *Advocate* and PlanetOut Web sites daily for my news and entertainment. How is it that such a gay-owned and -operated media conglomerate could censor its own kind?

I read the article in XY magazine "Scary Love," which detailed the refusal of companies like Calvin Klein, the Gap, and Abercrombie and Fitch to advertise with XY. Though I don't shop often at these places, I do own some of their clothing and like their brands, but I do see their hypocrisy as well. To market to queer youth with positive imagery and then to fail to support the world's No. 1 queer youth magazine is beyond my understanding. It's sad to see such companies carry queer-supportive imagery and then to see how they won't support a life-saving magazine such as XY.

I'm not calling for a boycott of PlanetOut, *Out* magazine, the *Advocate*, or any of the above-mentioned companies at this time, but I am asking these parties to rethink their stances with XY magazine. However, if a boycott becomes necessary, I will be the first to initiate a strong queer youth refusal to buy these brands as well as to boycott these other queer publications and media.

As "Anita Boycott," I helped take on both United Airlines and AOL when they tried to grant second-class status to the LGBT community. I'm not afraid to pull out my wig and heels to take on hypocrisy and bigotry both in my own community and society in general.

Let's send a message to PlanetOut and its other companies and also to companies like Calvin Klein, the Gap, and Abercrombie and Fitch: Don't mess with my XY.

Seth Watkins
San Francisco

Schlessinger's no 'real doctor'

I'm tired of "Doctor" Laura and her riding the coattails of the medical profession. First of all, she's not a "real doctor," but a Ph.D. She might be violating California Business and Professions Code 2274 for representing herself as a "doctor" rather than a "doctor of psychology."

Secondly, the mainstream mental health profession stopped viewing homosexuality as a mental illness in the early 1970s. The mental health bible, the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* removed homosexuality from its list of psychiatric illnesses after the 1968 edition. Therefore, "Doctor" Laura is out of line for her "biological error" comment. Even Sigmund Freud described humans as bisexual by nature. Freud didn't seem to have any issues with homosexuals, and did he have some issues with sexuality!

I disagree with Tommi Avicelli Mecca's comment ["Dr. Laura embraces a pro-gay platform ... and nobody notices," July 13] that a biological cause for being gay is "a good thing." Making homosexuality a biological phenomenon would give homophobes a disease model for homosexuality. If a gene is found that "causes" homosexuality, you can bet that insurance companies will discriminate against applicants with the genes, not unlike the HIV testing for life insurance companies. Also, prenatal testing would allow parents to abort homosexually-"diseased" fetuses. So, is a biological label for homosexuality really desirable?

I think that the "biological error" is the prejudice "Doctor" Laura harbors.

Dr. Michael Menaster
San Francisco

Looking for diversity

Carlos Chavarin Jr. finds diversity [Mailstrom, July 6] at the Badlands? How hard has he been looking? Diversity is everywhere you look in our city.

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George Wickham
San Francisco

Calling all GAWKers

The Gay Artists and Writers Collective will host an event at A Different Light Bookstore this Saturday, August 5 at 1 p.m. to celebrate GAWK's 16th anniversary and my birthday. There will be entertainment. Writers, comics, audiophiles, bass players, piano players, and drummers are urged to attend. For information, call (415) 731-2424.

Jon Sugar, GAWK
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The Bush-Cheney ticket

by Wayne Friday

When Texas Governor **George W. Bush** formally accepts the Republican nomination for president of the United States tonight in Philadelphia, he completes a process that offers America's voters in November a running mate, **Richard Cheney**, who has one of the most conservative voting records ever recorded in the House, and a party platform that is every bit as conservative as any that **Barry Goldwater**, **Ronald Reagan**, or **Bob Dole** ever ran on.

Bush and his message of "compassionate conservatism" — a campaign featuring Cheney and a platform that is anti-abortion, anti-gay, anti-gun control, anti-everything even remotely being moderate, is a platform that few of those independent voters who supported **John McCain** or **Bill Bradley** will likely go for.

Take a look at Cheney's voting record during his six terms in the House in the late 1970s and 1980s. Cheney, admittedly from a very conservative district in Wyoming, which is a very conservative state, voted consistently (nine times) against Head Start, an early education program for disadvantaged children, and against any form of gun control, even being one of only 21 House members to vote against banning the notorious armor-piercing "cop-killer" bullets. He then voted against banning plastic guns that can slip past metal detection equipment. Since becoming Bush's running mate, Cheney has been explaining his votes merely by saying "I was then and am now a great believer in the Second Amendment, the right of all citizens to bear arms."

Mr. Cheney has a history of being against gay rights (though he has a lesbian daughter), very anti-abortion (like Bush, Cheney opposes abortion even in cases of rape, incest or to save a mother's life). Civil rights? Cheney has consistently voted against civil rights issues — he was even among only a handful of House members to vote against a congressional resolution that urged the government of South Africa to release black anti-apartheid leader **Nelson Mandela** from prison. Cheney brushes off his votes against the Equal Rights Amendment by simply saying that he feared passage might lead to women being drafted into the military.

Does Bush's choice of Cheney as his running mate make sense when you look at Bush's own political philosophy and with the Republican Party platform? Of course it does. Republicans in Philadelphia this week overwhelmingly adopted a platform for Bush and Cheney to run on that not only calls for a strong pro-life position, but even calls for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion without exception, and for the appointment of anti-abortion judges. The GOP platform also asserted its conservative direction on other issues such as no gays in the military, and actually reinstituted language, dropped in an earlier draft, that declares "we do not believe sexual preference should be given special legal protection or standing in law."

Indeed, the Republican delegates said it was "important to take a stand for the traditional family"

at a time when there is a movement to recognize civil unions among gays. In other words, the Republican platform committee was agreeing with Bush and Cheney on one thing for sure — no gay rights. The strong anti-abortion and anti-gay rights issues are only two of numerous very conservative planks in a Republican platform that borders on being almost extremist.

The party spinmeisters can use all the "compassionate conservative" language they like, but the bottom line is that Republicans have offered the voters a presidential ticket comprised of two white millionaire Texas oil men who both went to Yale, are conservative to their very teeth, and are a throw-back to the days of **Richard**

Nixon, **Barry Goldwater**, and **Ronald Reagan**. Think of this one fact — the Bush-Cheney ticket was widely praised this week by the likes of **Jesse Helms**, **Pat Robertson**, and the Reverend **Jerry Falwell**. Need I say more?

Politics and people

Vice President **Al Gore** says he will announce his choice of a running mate this Tuesday, August 8, five days after the GOP confab and a week before the Democrats convene in Los Angeles.

Some close to Gore say that Massachusetts U.S. Senator **John Kerry** currently heads the short



Senator John Kerry

list, however, one political drawback for the selection of Kerry is that the Republican governor of Massachusetts would name a GOP replacement in the event a Gore-Kerry ticket wins.

The *New York Times* headlined last week: "Cheney brings intelligence, depth, and integrity to the GOP ticket" — if they need Cheney to bring these things, maybe we should be wondering what the hell it is that Bush brings to the ticket.

And despite their professed adoption of George W.'s "compassionate conservatism," don't ask Dick Cheney or his wife, **Lynne**, about the sexuality of their daughter, **Mary**. Mr. Cheney, asked about his daughter being a lesbian during an appearance on *Fox News Sunday*, curtly dismissed it with a simple: "We have two daughters and their private lives are private." Fair enough. However, **Lynne Cheney** quickly became annoyed while appearing on ABC's *This Week* program when **Cokie Roberts** asked about her daughter. Roberts: "Mrs. Cheney, ... your daughter has now declared that she is openly gay..." Mrs. Cheney, visibly angered, interrupted Roberts by snapping, "Mary has never declared such a thing ... and I'm appalled at the media interest in one of my daughters." The in-

terview quickly ended. (Don't expect Dick and Lynne Cheney to be joining PFLAG anytime soon.)

And as Senator **John McCain** was busy biting his lip and praising George W. Bush in Philadelphia this week I wondered when some reporter would remind him of what he said in March: "Bush is a Pat Robertson Republican who will lose to Al Gore."

I should also note that the "Making History" reception at Philadelphia's Sofitel Hotel Monday night was co-sponsored by the gay Log Cabin Republicans and the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, and while some gay Republicans we happily touting the fact that openly gay Representative **Jim Kolbe** (R-Arizona) addressed the GOP convention, he wasn't allowed to bring up the issue of gay rights, but spoke on international trade instead.

And finally, a reader writes of the Republican ticket: "With both Bush and Cheney being rich Texas oil men, the GOP platform being against any form of gun control, and with the veep choice being a holdover from the **George H.W. Bush** administration, it becomes only too clear that Big Oil, **Charlton Heston**, and Daddy Bush are calling the shots for the Texas governor."

Still smarting from his March primary defeat, Representative **Matthew Martinez** from the state's 31st Congressional District (San Gabriel Valley) bitterly switched his registration from Democrat to Republican, giving the GOP a current seven-vote margin in the House. State Senator **Hilda Solis**, who beat Martinez in the March primary, will easily win this one back for the Democrats in November.

Governor **Gray Davis**'s decision to name retired San Francisco Appellate Justice **Harry W. Low** as the state's new insurance commissioner was probably one of the governor's best appointments ever. I served with Justice Low on the S.F. Police Commission in **Frank Jordan**'s administration and this man hasn't an enemy in the world — one of the brightest, nicest, most respected, decent people in public life.

Congratulations too, to the city's respected Fang family on their purchase of the *San Francisco Examiner* after the lengthy court battle between failed mayoral candidate **Clint Reilly** and the Hearst Corporation; they don't come any better than **Ted** and **James Fang** and their mother, **Florence Fang**. They have every reason to be a proud family — good friends, good people, and they'll have a good morning daily for the people of this city.

Laura Schlessinger (don't call her "doctor"), the anti-gay conservative radio talk show host whose television show is set to make its debut on September 11, and who has been the target of a nationwide protest by gay groups, has unleashed a counteroffensive aimed at trying to retain her advertisers. The campaign by Schlessinger came as her syndicator disclosed the show has lost 12 brands, or nearly 10 percent of its national advertisers. Schlessinger caused her own problems when she described homosexuality as "deviant" and derivative of "biological error."

One of the candidates running for supervisor in District 6, **Hank Wilson**, who was a friend and political ally of **Harvey Milk**'s back in the late 1970s, picked up some pretty impressive support last week — he's been endorsed by respected, longtime lesbian activists **Del Mar**

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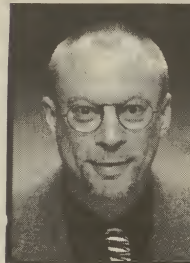
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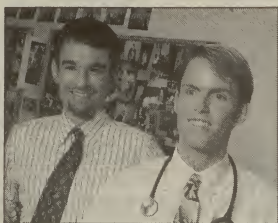
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Spoiling the pope's party

by Paula Martinac

To express his resentment toward the recent lesbian and gay pride celebration in Rome, Pope John Paul II labeled the event an insult and an offense to the Roman Catholic Church. Gay activists rushed to contradict him, but, in fact, the pope was right: World Pride Roma 2000 was an insult to official Catholicism, and that's a good thing.

The activists behind the first-ever World Pride didn't choose the time or location for their event casually. They scheduled it to coincide with the Roman Catholic Church's 2000 Holy Year jubilee, jumping at an opportunity to focus global attention on the struggle for lesbian and gay liberation. In fact, the organizers expressed hope that "the media of the whole world will be forced to talk about this event."

And talk they have. Newspapers here and abroad covered the controversy over World Pride before, during, and after the event, with the most ink going to the pope's frank comments on the final day. "I cannot but express my bitterness [translated in some papers as "sadness" or "bitter frustration"] at the insult to the Great Jubilee of 2000," John Paul II stated, "and the offense to the Christian values of a city which is so dear to the hearts of all Catholics in the world." Cleverly matching insult for insult, the pope timed his remarks to follow a special papal mass for criminals, including rapists and murderers, for whom he has requested clemency.

Like many lesbian and gay Catholics, I at first found myself enraged by the pope's anti-gay rhetoric, the slippery, mixed-message variety of hate speech that religious right-wingers excel at. First, John Paul branded homosexuality as an "objectively disordered inclination" and subtly equated it with "what is evil." Then he urged Catholics to practice respect and compassion and denounced all

"unjust discrimination."

I came to realize, though, that the pope's lashing out was as predictable as if World Pride organizers had scripted it. The pride celebration was meant to rile the pope and other Church bigwigs and to draw attention to the Vatican's oppressive teachings on homosexuality. It did just that, and the lesbian and gay community should count it as an enormously successful action.

What I'm hoping for in the weeks and months to come is more talk among Catholics about the narrowness of Church doctrines on sexual expression in general. The pope's stance on homosexuality doesn't occur in a vacuum. He's amazingly consistent in his censure of any sexual activity that occurs outside of marriage or involves birth control. (Read his 1995 treatise, "The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality," at www.christusrex.org.)

Catholics discussing sexuality in an open way is good, and it's also what the Roman Catholic hierarchy likes to squelch. The church counts on its members' tacit complicity in what writer Garry Wills, a Catholic and conservative, refers to in his scathing new nonfiction book, *Papal Sin*, as the church's "structures of deceit."

For generations, Catholic officials have tried to act as if sexual activity outside of the procreative marital ideal simply doesn't exist. Those who resist that ideal are ostracized. A perfect example is what still happens to schoolgirls who get caught defying the church's dictates about premarital virginity. My niece, a recent graduate of a Catholic high school, told me about a classmate who was not allowed to receive her diploma in public because she was too obviously pregnant. (I guess that's progress, though; in my day, she would have been kicked out of school.)

Other cover-ups are more insidious. Take, for example, the Catholic Church's refusal to acknowledge the occurrence of AIDS among priests — a concealment not just of the disease, but of sexual activity in the clergy. There's also the case of the Maryland priest and nun who ran a special ministry for lesbian and gay Catholics. They were handed a gag order by the Vatican for failing to preach celibacy to their gay flock, then gagged again when they began to speak openly about their silencing.

Catholic officials have a long history of enforcing silence in other matters, too. Consider the case of



Lesbian Notions

Archbishop Edward Egan, the newly appointed head of New York City's powerful Catholic diocese. Egan has been widely heralded as a compassionate leader committed to openness and inclusion. His installation ceremony in June was a model of multiculturalism, with prayers spoken in two dozen languages.

As archbishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut, however, Egan repeatedly had "no comment" to charges of child sexual abuse brought against eight different priests in his diocese. In a response common to Catholic officials faced with such scandals, Egan chose to sic aggressive diocesan lawyers on the 31 plaintiffs rather than publicly address the psychological health of his priests.

As a Catholic who's tired of all these silences, I'm proud that lesbians and gay men had the courage to spoil the pope's party and to hold him accountable for the hypocrisy in his church. ▼

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Our Man Friday

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tin, Phyllis Lyon, and Roma Guy.

And District 8 Supervisor Mark Leno showed he has strong support among the men and women of San Francisco's leather community Sunday night when Daddy's bar on Castro hosted a fundraiser/reception for the supe, with the crowd

extending out to the street.

Well, the Bush operatives worked long and hard to make their convention this week appear united, warm, and fuzzy. The Democrats and Vice President Al Gore will attempt the same thing when they meet on August 14 in Los Angeles, so that means you will have to tune in to the Reform Party convention, opening August 9 in Long Beach, for some real po-

litical fireworks. This promises to be a truly contentious gathering of political Neanderthals. There are two camps within the party founded in 1992 by Ross Perot that are fighting for control, the presidential nomination, and the \$12.6 million in federal campaign money that goes with that nomination. One side has lined up with Patrick Buchanan, the homophobic former television personality that bolted the Republican Party to expand his right-wing conservative base. The other side is not necessarily so much aligned with Buchanan's presidential opponent, John Hagelin, as it is united in its zeal to stop Buchanan from using the party as a platform for his own anti-abortion, anti-Semitic, anti-gay, isolationist, ultra-conservative views. This one, folks, should be fun to watch as there are no more meander, go-for-the-gut politics in the country that Pat Buchanan and his campaign manager sister, Bay Buchanan.

Time magazine is reporting a "Feud of The Week" between 1980s icon Boy George and actor Rupert Everett, former best buds, with the former Culture Club Boy saying that the actor "looks like a crocodile handbag" and Rupert referring to Boy as "that big blob," and regretting that "there's not a closet big enough to hide him in."

And how was your week? ▼

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Labouchere Amendment

by Wik Wikholm

August 6, 1885 (115 years ago this month): England's House of Commons criminalizes gay male sex.

Playwright Oscar Wilde spent two years in prison at hard labor, computer scientist Alan Turing endured forced estrogen injections, and thousands of other British citizens were tormented because of the Labouchere Amendment.

On August 6, 1885, the House of Commons was considering a bill to raise the age of consent for heterosexual intercourse from

13 to 16. Member of Parliament Henry Labouchere rose to propose a new section that would, for the first time, make any form of sex between men a crime. Buggery, or anal sex, had been illegal since the reign of Henry VIII, but Labouchere's amendment extended

punishment to "any act of gross indecency" in public or in private. One member of Parliament complained that gross indecency had nothing to do with the sexual abuse of girls, but Labouchere, known by his nickname Labby to his contemporaries, deflected the objection. The attorney general insisted that the sentence be raised to two years at hard labor instead of the one that Labouchere had proposed. Labby agreed and the bill passed.

The amendment victimized thousands, but Henry Labouchere was an unlikely villain. Though he was born the heir of a banking fortune, Labby considered himself a rebel against Great Britain's class system. When he was in his 20s, Labouchere had traveled to America and experienced democracy first hand. Although he abhorred the slavery, he left for home convinced that American democracy was superior to England's aristocratic government.

Before his election to the House of Commons, Labouchere earned a reputation as a fearless journalist and an enemy of the establishment. In 1877, he founded a muckraking magazine called *Truth*, dedicated to exposing hucksters and stock manipulators. But he also used his pen to irritate his two favorite enemies, the aristocracy and the royal family.

Labby believed that Britain's House of Lords, composed of titled aristocrats and Anglican Bishops, should be abolished in favor of an elected body, and he often complained that Queen Victoria and her family cost the nation more money than they were worth. Once elected, Labby championed the interests of the working classes. He fought to reduce taxes on the poor and demanded reductions in the royal budget during its annual review.

Today, Labouchere's law against gross indecency seems like a stain on an otherwise unblemished liberal record, but in 1880s England, the law seemed progressive.

The amendment was attached to the Criminal Law Amendment Act, a law that was drafted under pressure from Social Purity feminists who were outraged about a double standard that had developed in England. Prostitution was tolerated by the middle class, but

concerns about the spread of syphilis moved Parliament to pass a law to contain the disease in the 1860s. The Contagious Diseases Act empowered officials to pick up women and force them to submit to medical examinations just because they looked like prostitutes. In some towns, any working-class woman was at risk.

Diseased or not, men escaped these humiliations, an inequity that infuriated the feminists and allied churchmen who were part of the Social Purity movement. The feminists believed that the Contagious Diseases Act was wrong to blame fallen women for prostitution and venereal disease. The real culprit was male lust, a force they found so powerful that they demanded enforcement of a strict moral code to contain it. A man who yielded to his animal passions risked a personal descent into depravity, according to the crusaders, but the danger to society was even worse. Lust threatened to force more girls into prostitution and to destroy families when husbands brought syphilis home, and any threat to the family was a threat to the health of the nation.

The combination of a law against male-male sex with a law against sex with young girls seems odd in retrospect, but it made sense to the feminists. Sex between men,

still the "crime not to be named among Christians," seemed the supreme expression of sexual lust unleashed. According to the feminists, a man who could commit an act as abhorrent as gross indecency had forsworn the most basic restraints of civilized Christian morality. Such a morally deranged man seemed likely to commit more crimes, including the sexual abuse of girls and women, and was best locked away to protect the innocent from his predations.

The Labouchere Amendment remained on Britain's law books unchanged for more than 80 years. The Wolfenden Committee, a Parliamentary committee charged with studying homosexuality, challenged the law in 1957, but England's gays had to wait until 1967 for their sex lives to become legal. The 1967 law set the age of consent at 21 for homosexual sex, and today the age of consent for heterosexual sex (16) is still lower than that for gay sex (18). Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labor government supports legislation that will equalize the age of consent at 16, but the House of Lords is expected to oppose the initiative. ▼

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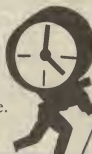
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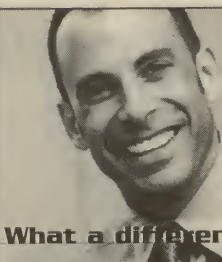
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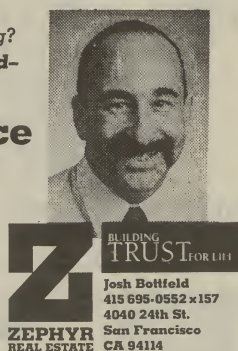
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Nic fit

by Jane Warner

Dolores Park, July 29, 9:30 a.m.: A man aggressively panhandling people in Dolores Park became upset after no one would give him a cigarette. "If I see any of you with a cigarette, I'm going to slap it out of your hand," he told a group of people at the dog run, after threatening people in the playground who were practicing Tai-Chi. The dogs, upset by the man's threatening tone of voice and demeanor, began to bark. The man pulled out a knife and threatened to "stab any dog that comes near me." Responding police found the man near the tennis courts. Once inside the patrol car the man kicked at the doors and spit on the windows, yelling obscenities at the officers. Booked for terrorist threats, being under the influence of drugs, loitering while carrying a weapon, false identification, and probation violation was Rusty Sims, 22.

Cookie monster

Walgreens, 498 Castro, July 28, 7:30 p.m.: A man walked into Walgreens, picked up a bag of cookies, and started to spit them at customers and employees. The man then kicked at the front glass door

and window, telling onlookers, "You don't know who you're dealing with." Responding officers arrived and found the man laughing uncontrollably. The man was transported to San Francisco General Hospital for a 72-hour psychological evaluation and treatment.

Escort service

Badlands bar, 4121 18th Street, July 28, 9:30 p.m.: Angry that

he was refused service because he was too intoxicated, a man pushed the owner of the bar and refused to leave. When two female police officers arrived to escort him out, his boyfriend advised him not to cooperate with "these bitches." Warned that he was interfering with police business, the boyfriend started to scream obscenities and jabbed a finger into one officer's chest, yelling, "No, you're interfering, you fucking bitch." The two officers immediately placed him under arrest, but he resisted, swinging his arms wildly and hitting the other officer in her face and chest with his elbow. The officers pepper sprayed him, wrestled him to the ground, and handcuffed him. Other officers arrived and took the other man into custody. Booked for two counts of battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and drunk in public

was Joel Stodd, 41. Booked for battery on the bar owner, trespassing, and drunk in public was Charles Carr, 33.

The shirt off his back

400 block of Collingwood, July 28, 4:30 a.m.: A man woke up in the middle of the night and noticed his hall light on. Knowing he turned off all the lights before he went to sleep, the resident got up to check the house. As he went into the kitchen, he discovered the basement door open and heard someone rummaging downstairs. Yelling out, "Who's there?" a man's voice responded, "I'm just looking for a place to sleep." The resident screamed to his roommate to call 911, then went downstairs to confront the suspect. A scuffle ensued and the resident pulled off the suspect's shirt as he escaped through the garage window. Responding police were unable to locate the suspect, described as a Hispanic male, 20 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, wearing no shirt and long pants. They did, however, notice that the suspect left his backpack in the basement, containing a jigsaw and drill, several clothes, and a camera, none of which belonged to the resident. ▼

The San Francisco Patrol Special Police, which exclusively serves the Castro District, can be reached at (415) 679-1827.

Project Inform seeks hotline volunteers

by Katie Szymanski

There's an old saying that the phone rings on both ends, or something like that. One thing is certain: for callers to estab-

lish trust and communication over the phone, there must be listening and appropriate feedback. If these two abilities rank high on your own skills inventory, Project Inform would like you to join its National HIV/AIDS Treatment Hotline.

Volunteer training will take place this Wednesday, August 9, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.; and next Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 20 hours of intensive preparation is worth it, say the hotline's more than 70 volunteers, who pride themselves on making a difference in callers' lives.

Volunteers answer calls, provide HIV treatment information, give callers support in developing effective treatment strategies, and provide referrals to other organizations providing critical services to HIV-positive individuals. Available shifts are during weekday business hours and on Saturdays. Project Inform's hotline receives approximately 40,000 calls a year from HIV-positive women, men, youth, transgenders, people of color, many doctors and service providers, and family and friends of people with HIV. More than 30 percent of calls received are from women, and more than 35 percent are from people of color. Due to the increasing number of people seeking Spanish language services, bilingual volunteers are encouraged to apply.

People interested in attending volunteer training must pre-register by calling Mark Owens at (415) 558-8669, ext. 218, or e-mailing volunteer@projectinform.org. For more information, visit www.projectinform.org. ▼

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COMMUNITY NEWS

B.A.R.'s Szymanski, others, snag grants

by Terry Beswick

Buying a finished painting or other work is one great way to show your admiration for an artisan's efforts, but hey, commissioning an idea, helping to turn an inspiration, a dream, into reality, a hope into a hologram, is awesome.

Fortunately, there are totally cool organizations like the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, which with the Queer Cultural Center and the Harvey Milk Institute, has just awarded the first series of "Creating Queer Community Grants for Emerging Artists."

The Bay Area Reporter's own New York import, Assistant Editor Katie Szymanski, was among six grant recipients who were honored by the cultural center's new program on July 10. Designed to "unleash the creative spirits of individual artists and community-based organizations," \$6,650 in grants, as well as free rehearsal space, grant-writing assistance, and technical expertise for Web-based projects, are being awarded.

Others selected by the Jon Sims Center's panel of judges include: Lesbians in the Visual Arts for a mentoring program for emerging lesbian visual artists; Matt Bissinger, for "Navigating Identity," a photographic project involving and about queer youth to be exhibited in Bay Area high schools; Dan Pillers, for "Life After Death: Embracing the Queer Widow," a monthlong exhibition/event featuring works by, for,

and about members of the queer community whose partners or lovers have died; Lisi DeHass and Gina Gold for "Mighty Real Theater," a theater training and production project for queer youth; and Frank Pietronigro for "Inter-generation."

"Ageism actually builds barriers," said Pietronigro, 45, "and I'm dealing with my own growing older."

The artist plans to work with existing community groups to organize intergenerational "outreach forums where people can come together." In a photographic project, he will document his efforts to link queer youth and elders.

It's important to support your local emerging queer artists. You know who they are. We see them in San Francisco, in the streets and in the galleries, and in the small off-the-beaten-track cafes. Too often, our new and blossoming artists — and writers — of all stripes are under-appreciated.

"Individual artists contribute so much to our culture," said Pietronigro, who is being awarded \$1,000 to help with his project.



The Bay Area Reporter's Katie Szymanski is one of several grant recipients.

"And it's significant that the center's grant is available to continue our work."

Szymanski, 28, gets \$1,500 — the largest of the six grants — and other help from the award's sponsors in support of a visual, literary, and Web-based community group, "REAL," which she describes as "dedicated to promoting activism through creative projects,

thereby fostering the link between art and social change." Soon to be launched on a server near you, www.real-work.com will be a "creative political community forum" to be chronicled in a printed journal of art and activism that Szymanski hopes to publish by the end of the year.

The book is to be drawn from diverse submissions from contributors who are community-based, i.e. "the product of a group effort from a cross-section of society," said Szymanski, who has a bachelor's degree in journalism and holds a master's degree in poetry.

"Of particular interest is where queer identities intersect with the fight for racial justice, for disability rights, and for other marginalized populations," she told the B.A.R. The book intends to give voice to the under-represented already includes "photos of political graffiti and Proposition 21 demonstrations, poems about religious erotica, and scanned collage art that takes a stand against censorship."

Szymanski invites anyone interested in "submitting pho-

tographs, visual art, or writing that effectively expresses a contemporary activism movement" to "e-mail me so we can talk." She can be reached directly at RealArtAction@yahoo.com.

Creating Queer Community Grants is funded by the Gateway Initiative of the San Francisco Foundation and is administered through the Horizons Foundation.

The judges for the grants were: Cedric Brown, a musician, spoken word artist, and grants administrator; Jewelle Gomez, a pioneering lesbian novelist, essayist, poet, and activist; Rudy Lemche, an artist and Web manager for the Queer Cultural Center; Jill Togawa, artistic director of the Purple Moon Dance project; and Khan Wong, a writer, digital artist, and grants administrator. ▼

For more information about the grants or other programs at the Jon Sims Center, call Charles Wilmoth, the center's executive director, at (415) 554-0402, or visit www.jonsimsctr.org.

Tom Ammiano

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"Displacement, displacement, and displacement," said Ammiano, giving the "top three" issues in this November's election. The supervisor has been a leading advocate on tenants' rights, affordable housing, and homelessness (for more, see www.supammiano.com).

Ammiano is the surviving partner of an 19-year domestic partnership, and has a 20-year old daughter.

"I love the diversity here," the 27-year San Francisco resident told the crowd at El Rio. "We have such a treasure of a district."

"I've lived here for 27 years, and I'm going to do what's right," Ammiano asserted, and the assembled faithful seemed to be in agreement. District 9 includes Bernal Heights, the Mission, and Potrero Hill.

The only supervisor who regularly takes Muni to work, Ammiano is well-known for his sometimes uncompromising idealism and sense of righteousness on many progressive issues, and at last week's kickoff party, he told his supporters a brief anecdote about an injustice he took on, and which ultimately galvanized him into his career in local politics.

Upon returning to the United States after teaching English to Vietnamese children for two years in the late 1960s, he said, he began teaching schoolchildren in San Francisco, where he discovered that many young Hispanic children had been mistakenly classified as mentally retarded by their monolingual instructors, simply because they did not understand English.

"I was so young and new in town," Ammiano said, "that I assumed that once I pointed that out, they would do something about it." ▼

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High risk sex and cyberspace

by Bob Roehr

Sex drives the Internet. Fully a third of users log on with lust in mind, says survey research. Porn sites are one of the few types of e-commerce pulling in profits hand over fist. Public health officials are finally waking up to those facts and are beginning to study the phenomena.

Articles in the July 26 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* suggest that Internet sex may carry a greater risk of exposure to sexually transmitted diseases. No, the one-handed kind of Web sex is completely safe, it's folks who hook up in chat rooms or through bulletin boards and then physically meet to do the

dirty who are more disease-prone.

Mary McFarlane and colleagues with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention looked to see if there was a link between cyberspace and people visiting a STD clinic in Denver. They surveyed 856 clients over a nine-month period that ended in April.

It was a frisky group of all orientations — a quarter claiming seven or more partners over the past 12 months — who engaged in oral sex (89 percent), vaginal sex (74 percent), and anal sex (a surprisingly high 41 percent). One-third identified as gay or bisexual.

The gender bias was readily apparent; women constituted 30 percent of clinic clients, and only 10 percent of the 135 people who said they sought sex partners online.

Gay and bisexual males clearly are leaders (87 percent) among the 10 percent (88 people) who sought and consummated sex through cyberspace. The online sex seekers reported less vaginal sex and more oral and anal sex than those who picked up partners the old fashioned way. They had a greater number of partners and were twice as likely (29 percent) to report having had sex with someone known to be HIV-positive.

On the other hand, they also "were more likely to have used a condom during their last sex act [52 percent versus 38 percent for offline clients]," she said.

"The Internet clearly has had a role in the solicitation of risky sex

partners," McFarlane concluded. "Seeking sex on the Internet may be a potential risk factor for STD/HIV."

While the general link between risky behavior and STDs is clear, this study did not measure those outcomes. Thus it is impossible to know the effect of increased condom use by those who engaged in higher risk activity. Still, the low use of condoms among sexually active people, regardless of how they meet their partners, means that new HIV and STD infections will continue to occur.

In a companion article, Jeffrey Klausner and colleagues at the San Francisco Department of Public Health traced an "outbreak" of syphilis through cyberspace, which occurred last summer.

During discussions with two gay men with early-stage syphilis, DPH learned that both had met a majority of their sex partners through a chat room called SFM4M. The department worked with the Internet service provider hosting that site, local publications, and gay organizations to alert the community to the risk of syphilis and the chat room nexus.

America Online refused DPH's request to identify the chat room users, since there was no court order. Some activists were critical of DPH and the Internet service provider, saying they were against gay male sex.

Client visits shot up 18 percent at the city STD clinic the next month. And the total effort iden-

tified five additional syphilis infections in men who met through the SFM4M chat room. Through these voluntary efforts, DPH was able to medically screen more than twice as many named sex partners as is common with exposure to syphilis.

"The Internet has become an efficient facilitator of behaviors and practices that have been taking place for many years among certain high-risk individuals," wrote the CDC's Kathleen Toomey and Richard Rothenberg in an accompanying editorial in *JAMA*.

"The real news is not that such activities are occurring but that the public health establishment had its feet planted firmly in the last century and did not anticipate this inevitable response to the new technology."

They mentioned the closing of gay bathhouses in the 1980s to reduce the risk of HIV transmission and acknowledged that "closing 'virtual' anonymous meetings sites [online] is not even a consideration, much less a controversy." They said these examples reinforce the need for patient confidentiality as "a basic tenet" of public health.

The challenge for doctors is to remember to ask patients with STDs about their Internet habits. Public health officials must learn to use this communications tool as a way to educate and empower sexually active people to protect themselves. ▼

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Mary Cheney

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ject returned a donation from Coors in 1998. Just this year, the Human Rights Campaign quashed a Coors donation made to its Colorado chapter for an annual dinner in February, forcing the group to return \$5,000 from the brewery that Mary Cheney helped secure. That upset her, friends told *Salon.com*, an online magazine, and she was particularly angry at HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

Also in 1998, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation weathered a storm of protest when it accepted a \$110,000 donation.

The Coors controversy in the gay community goes back to 1974, when the company was synonymous with right-wing causes and faced widespread charges of discrimination against a variety of minorities, including gays. The late Harvey Milk and activist Morris Kight called on gays to join organized labor in boycotting the Golden, Colorado-based brewery; the boycott still has not officially ended in the LGBT community, and Coors lags behind Miller and Anheuser-Busch in making inroads into the lucrative gay beer market.

Over the years, Coors has worked to aggressively change the perception that it's anti-gay, and that's where Mary Cheney fit in. She traveled to various cities on behalf of the company, and worked to get the company to make financial donations to gay groups and to rebuild gay acceptance and gradually increase market share in Coors' targeted markets. Today, Coors sponsors many LGBT activities, including Pride events in several states, particularly Colorado.

In May, Mary Cheney resigned from Coors — where she had worked since 1994 — to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Col-

orado. Sources told *Salon* that Mary Cheney will postpone her studies until after the November election. Since her father, who served as defense secretary under President George H.W. Bush, was picked by Texas Governor George W. Bush to be his running mate, Mary Cheney has not spoken publicly.

Dick Cheney was a congressman from Wyoming for 10 years during the 1980s and compiled one of the most conservative voting records in the House. He spent last week defending his record, which included votes against the Head Start program, against gun control, against access to abortions even in cases of rape or incest, and he even voted against a resolution supporting the release of Nelson Mandela from a South African prison.

Republican officials have stated that they welcome Mary Cheney to the GOP convention, and indeed, the cameras panned to her sitting next to her dad Monday night during the speeches by retired General Colin Powell and Bush's wife, Laura.

One far-right Republican, however, couldn't help but attack Mary Cheney; the Reverend Jerry Falwell called her "errant," in his Liberty Alliance newsletter, according to HRC, which on Monday issued a statement calling on Falwell to apologize for the remark. "I have no doubt that Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, will become a focal point of critics. It is ludicrous to judge a man based on one errant, but loved, family member," Falwell stated.

"Falwell's remarks were offensive and an affront to families everywhere who fully understand and support their gay sons and daughters," said David Smith, HRC's communications director.

Mary Cheney's mother, Lynne, the conservative former head of the National Endowment for the Humanities, snapped at interviewer Cokie Roberts on Sunday's

This Week program on ABC, but it was Roberts who phrased the question incorrectly, when she started to ask, "One last thing, Ms. Cheney. It's so hard on families, these campaigns, and you have a daughter who has now declared that she is openly gay."

"Mary has never declared such a thing," Lynne Cheney replied, becoming visibly angry. "I would like to say that I'm appalled at the media interest in one of my daughters. I have two wonderful daughters. I love them very much. They are bright, they are hard working, they are decent. And I'm simply not going to talk about their personal lives. And I'm surprised Cokie, that even you would want to bring it up on this program."

While Mary Cheney may not have ever "declared" herself to be a lesbian, she hasn't kept it a secret, friends told *Salon*, and she has been active in the Colorado gay community. She and her partner live in Conifer, Colorado.

Helping Mr. Leather

Last year, Mary Cheney helped Colorado resident Bruce Chopnik, the 1999 International Mr. Leather, when the Coors flap bubbled up in San Francisco before the annual Folsom Street Fair, the high point of Leather Pride Week in the city.

"Mary was actually one of the ones who helped me through it," Chopnik told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "She flew to Folsom with me in case I had any problem with the Coors boycott community. She's a great, great person and very open-minded. She took her shoes off and got visible in the leather community."

Chopnik said that he hasn't spoken with her since her father was picked to be Bush's running mate.

According to the *San Francisco Examiner*, Mary Cheney is a registered independent. She has rarely talked about her family life, but was described by friends as being ex-

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Hate crime laws

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lice system is intrinsically racist and homophobic and should not be further empowered.

"But it's the best we've got," Person told the *Bay Area Reporter*. CUAV, like many lesbian and gay groups across the country, opposes the death penalty, for the very reason that it is disproportionately enforced and therefore values one life over another. But Person's steadfast support of hate crimes legislation has not even considered whether increased hate penalties would make obtaining the death penalty easier.

"I actually don't know if that's the case," said Person. "I'm not the best person to ask."

Person is not alone; many organizations in favor of hate crimes laws but opposed to the death penalty had no idea when asked by the *B.A.R.* whether hate crimes legislation, either federally or locally, would put the death penalty on the table. In fact these laws can — and do. In states that have hate crimes statutes, for instance, "a prosecutor can decide if bias was an aggravating factor in a murder, thereby raising that murder to the level of a capital offense," according to Eric Ferrero at the national office of the American Civil Liberties Union. And while the federal bill does not specifically include capital punishment in its language, empowering the U.S. government with prosecution authority certainly opens up that possibility.

Texas two-step

This runs contrary to the goals of many self-proclaimed gay rights organizations, even those that do not openly oppose the death penalty, according to *New York Press* writer Alexander Cockburn.

"There's no more glaring expression of the inequities of race and class than the manner in which the death penalty is operated in our society, yet some gay organizations are silent on capital punishment. They're mute as the state hauls off the poor and the black to die, and save their lungs for 'hate crimes' laws, for longer prison terms, for more repression by the state," wrote Cockburn recently.

Indeed there is an irony to clamoring for more state power over individuals, as demonstrated by the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, led by Diane Hardy-Garcia, most recently of



Diane Hardy-Garcia

Millennium March on Washington fame. The organization has criticized Texas Governor George W. Bush — who's about to become the Republican presidential nominee — for his stance against state hate crimes legislation, yet it has failed to address the governor's institutionalized executions which have become a rite of passage for many gays. It was in this state that a gay man was sentenced to death because the prosecution argued that an all-male prison would be a

good time, not a punishment. In effect, the accused was sentenced to death because he was gay, and the Texas gay rights lobby, in turn, wants to give prosecutors here more power. And so when gay rights groups simultaneously call for justice and hate crime legislation, that may be an oxymoron.

Consider that many gay rights advocates of hate crimes legislation applaud the fact that hate crimes legislation would remove the decision making process regarding plea bargaining and reduced or dismissed sentences out of the judges' hands.

"In other words," according to Cockburn, "the zeal to deal with anti-gay violence now leads to advocacy of laws that threaten justice, due process, and civil liberties."

For Bay Area lesbian and prison activist Judy Greenspan, it seems foolish to rely on a flawed

over in early July. The Human Rights Campaign immediately declared it a hate crime, but further investigation revealed that Warren's accused may have been in a relationship with him and therefore was not targeting a population of society.

"So does this make the crime less horrific? It's still a murder," said Dobbs. "And other than the knee-jerk hate crimes reaction, there has been no effort to address gay issues in rural West Virginia, to study how life might be made better for gay people living there."

Dobbs also pointed to the New York City murder of Amanda Milan, a transgender woman who was undeniably targeted because of her identity. But the New York hate crimes law does not include gender identity, which means some people's lives still mean more than others when it comes

"We need to be clear about what we mean when we say hate crimes legislation, and recognize the danger of identity politics that don't go beyond personal interest."

justice system to deliver justice to our communities.

"Hate crimes legislation is a tricky question, and I wouldn't want to tell the parents of James Byrd or Matthew Shepard that I don't support it," Greenspan told the *B.A.R.* "In some countries you can take people to court for racism. In our country, you'd be making that plea to a racist system. How can we depend upon courts and police who have victimized our communities to be our heroes? You can't depend on a system that breeds hate crimes to solve our problems."

'A mixed bag'

Joshua Kaufman, one of the Bay Area leaders of "Defeat the Petes," which called for opposition to former Governor Pete Wilson's Proposition 21 and state Senator Pete Knight's Proposition 22 during the March 2000 primary election, agrees.

"I'm not comfortable saying I'm against hate crimes legislation, but it's a mixed bag," said Kaufman. "In theory I support legislation which essentially names the enemy: heterosexism, homophobia, racism, etc. The problem, of course, is when the system is corrupt and oppressive, can this law help? I wouldn't be surprised if the system misconstrues the language and targets mostly those who are already screwed by the system. So we need to be clear about what we mean when we say hate crimes legislation, and recognize the danger of identity politics that don't go beyond personal interest."

It should be noted that "Defeat the Petes" opposed Proposition 21 — the juvenile justice initiative that assigns "gang member" identities to youth who fit certain stereotypes — because the measure "created new crimes" and increased penalties targeted toward certain people. Hate crimes legislation does the same. Other groups working against Proposition 21 and for racial equality, such as Californians for Justice, have taken no position on hate crimes legislation.

For Manhattan LGBT activist Bill Dobbs, his opposition comes down to what he sees as legislation that erratically assigns intent and counter-productively reduces the value of human life.

"Look at what happened in West Virginia," said Dobbs, referring to the murder of J.R. Warren, who was beaten to death and run

to hate crimes laws.

The best example of this disparity may have been seen at San Francisco's own murder trial against Edgard Mora, accused of killing Brian Wilmes, a gay man.

According to CUAV's Person, the organization supported a hate crime charge because Mora's intent was clear when he chose a gay victim walking into a gay bar. But in fact Mora did not set out that night to attack homosexuals, although he did choose his victims during a drunken assault spree based on their convenience and perceived vulnerability. Among those victims was a homeless man, who was not protected under hate crimes legislation, despite being every bit as hated as homosexuals in this society. Mora eventually plea bargained to receive a manslaughter charge that included a hate crimes enhancement for his attack on Wilmes, an enhancement that Person supports because "there's a difference between kicking a homeless person who happens to be there on the street ... and punching a gay man going into a gay bar." But Wilmes also "just happened" to be in Mora's path; he was not a premeditated target any more than the homeless man.

To Dobbs, assigning intent to a person's actions is the scariest con-

sequence of hate crimes legislation, one that smacks in the face all the struggles of the gay community. He pointed to a recent piece in *POZ* magazine that detailed "HIV criminals," people who happened to be HIV-positive when they spit at somebody, when their blood spattered during an intensely violent police chase, or even when they had protected sex that did not result in HIV transmission. Many of these HIV criminals are facing charges of attempted murder because the courts have assigned an intent to their circumstances, and many gay organizations oppose these measures but support hate crimes laws in the same breath.

"We as a community have been hypnotized into believing in this counter-intuitive hate crime law. The real goal is to get justice, and these new laws aren't going to do it," said Dobbs. "Thankfully I think people are beginning to open their eyes and see the bigger picture."

To Greenspan, hate crimes laws mean nothing if they aren't backed up with sound policies to address homophobia and racism in general.

"It's not about whether you're for or against hate crimes laws, but whether you support equal

rights. If you're not going to pass anti-discrimination laws then why bother supporting hate crimes laws?" she asked. "Without equal rights, these laws are empty."

In other words, before applauding or supporting hate crimes legislation in a particular area, first one must take steps to overturn that region's homosexual panic defenses and sodomy laws, and to implement equal rights for LGBT people and racial minorities.

Progressive queer activists against or uncertain about hate crimes legislation by no means think that hate crimes are not different from other crimes, nor do they advocate ignoring the problem. What they do believe is that there is nothing preventative about the Hate Crimes Prevention Act currently in Congress or similar local laws around the country. What is needed, they say, are programs that address the issues, not reliance on a system that has historically deemed our communities unworthy, and certainly not legislation that adds "sexual orientation" to the books while imposing upon other civil liberties. The challenge, they say, is to work for justice, not political gain. ▼

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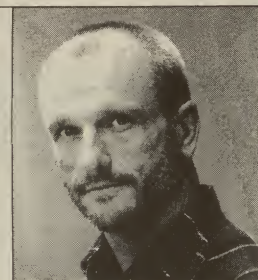
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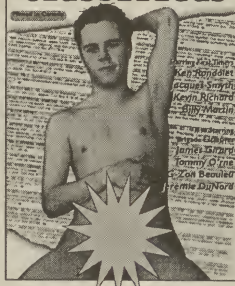
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Ruff relations threaten public space

by Katie Szymanski

Is San Francisco taking one more step toward becoming Manhattan, or do dog owners still have a reason to stay in this city? Tensions are escalating at the hot puppy spots around town, and changes abound for off-leash areas, threatening public access even at our community's beloved spaces like Eureka Valley Recreation Center and Dolores Park.

It's a familiar story: one or two people encounter an obnoxious person who happens to have a dog, and suddenly all dogs are to blame for an isolated incident. Or somebody steps in feces, and rather than install doggie clean-up bags or address the human waste problem, the city spends thousands of dollars to build fences that separate the canines from the men.

Community input and realistic solutions are often ignored when it comes to the dogless versus the animal guardian, and Castro dwellers say nowhere is this more

apparent than in the recently proposed changes at Eureka Valley. EVRC's proposal, issued July 13, is effective as a "trial run" immediately, with community input scheduled for the end of August as well as mid-October before becoming finalized. The good news is, dogs now have an official off-leash area. The bad news is, it is fenced in, has limited hours, and is not as large as the athletic area commonly used for pet-ropes.

Under the proposal, EVRC's pooch-popular baseball field will be renovated and enclosed with fencing, and will be off-limits to dogs. An off-leash area will be developed on top of the existing tennis court, and will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. Dogs must be on-leash on their way to and from the area. Also proposed — and long overdue in this town — is the installation of doggie bag sites for clean-up.

"I think everyone's happy," Mitch Thompson, athletic director of EVRC told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "Now, dogs actually have an



Carrie Gajowski walks her dogs, Totchie and Jake, in SF's Dolores Park.

area where they are allowed to run, and everyone has their own space." But because dog owners were

never penalized in the past for using the athletic fields, the move will be cause for adjustment, as

going from unlimited running to a penned-in space on top of asphalt is hardly a satisfying frolic.

What's more, according to Collingwood resident Eric Ciasullo, the recreation department's plan completely ignores the changing demographics and wishes of the community, not to mention the fact that the baseball field is rarely used.

"They have invested \$50,000 in their field of dreams," said Ciasullo, "without recognizing that there are fewer children in the community, and that those that do live here do not use that field for baseball. Given the changing dynamics of the community, it would be wise for the parks department to actually collect utilization data. But since the department staff makes its living from things like athletic fields, I doubt they would report the utilization honestly and accurately."

To Ciasullo, the city should just scrap the \$50,000 and chalk it up to experience, then develop the field as a multi-use space.

Dolores Park

"Fifty grand is nothing compared to the million dollars they've wasted trying to get the soccer field correct in Dolores Park," Ciasullo said. The Dolores Park soccer field is what moved the Dolores dogs up toward the park benches, a compromise that, overall, has seemed to work.

But recently a small but vocal group of people — many who dress in white and carry four-course dinners through the park and simultaneously complain of four-legged harassment — was able to bring the issue up for debate; the proposed changes at Dolores would relegate the furry ones to a small pen next to the Dolores tennis courts. This, too, is a far cry from the current land of the free, where mutts and Shar-peis alike rule the grassy knoll and a special dog-size fountain christens the landscape.

The Dolores Park controversy has become so heated that it may eventually wind up before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The fight is enough to make one leash-toting resident consider leaving the city that was once "open to all."

"If they want to turn this town into New York, where owners are ticketed, and dogs are limited to a six-foot pen, I may as well go there," the man said at a discussion of concerned pet guardians. "Why should I stay here when the perks of this city are slowly being rescinded? I may as well go where there's good food and all-night excitement, all else being equal."

Another woman said that there has been little effort on the part of anti-dog forces to work out a compromise. Instead of setting off-leash hours, for instance, dog foes immediately jump to wanting to build small cages.

"We can work harder at respecting their children and families, but what about ours?" she said. "They don't realize that the dogs are our families."

For Ciasullo, off-leash wars miss the point entirely.

"Nobody seems to get that, in the winter, when these fields are flooded, we're the ones who use these parks on a daily basis," he said. "It's not about dog versus human, it's about human socialization in the context of exercising our dogs. We've built a community here. We know our neighbors in ways that haven't happened in Castro in last 25 years, and that should be celebrated by the city and parks department." ▼

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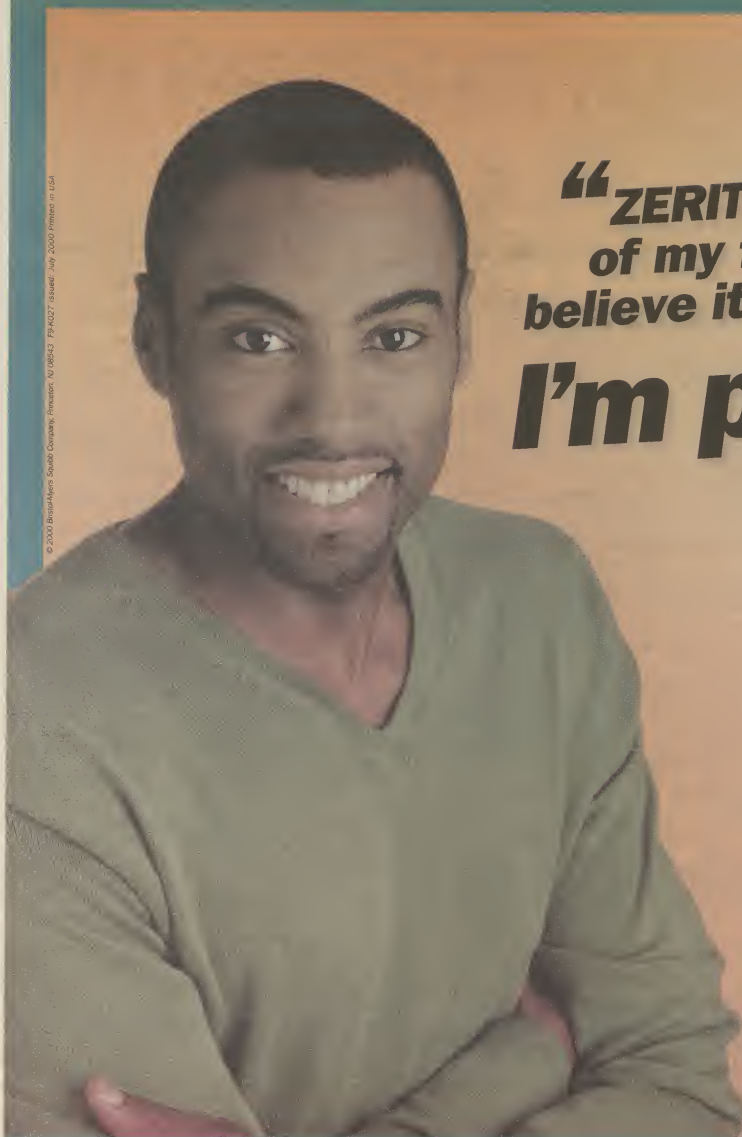
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CLINICAL STUDIES

Combination Therapy: The combination use of ZERIT is based on the results of clinical studies in HIV-infected patients in double- and triple-combination regimens with other antiretroviral agents.

One of these studies (START 1) was a multicenter, randomized, open-label study comparing ZERIT (40 mg BID) plus lamivudine plus didanosine to zidovudine plus lamivudine plus didanosine in 202 treatment-naïve patients. Both regimens resulted in a similar magnitude of inhibition of HIV RNA levels and increases in CD4 cell counts through 48 weeks.

Monotherapy: The efficacy of ZERIT was demonstrated in a randomized, double-blind study (A455-019, conducted 1992-1994) comparing ZERIT with zidovudine in 822 patients with a spectrum of HIV-related symptoms. The outcome in terms of progression of HIV disease and death was similar for both drugs.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

ZERIT is contraindicated in patients with clinically significant hypersensitivity to stavudine or to any of the components contained in the formulation.

WARNINGS

1. Lactic Acidosis/Severe Hepatomegaly with Steatosis: Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of nucleoside analogues alone or in combination, including stavudine and other antiretrovirals. A majority of these cases have been in women. Obesity and prolonged nucleoside exposure may be risk factors. Particular caution should be exercised when administering ZERIT to any patient with known risk factors for liver disease; however, cases have also been reported in patients with no known risk factors. Treatment with ZERIT should be suspended in any patient who develops clinical or laboratory findings suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity (which may include hepatomegaly and steatosis even in the absence of marked transaminase elevations).

2. Peripheral Neuropathy: Peripheral neuropathy, manifested by numbness, tingling, or pain in the hands or feet, has been reported in patients receiving ZERIT therapy. Peripheral neuropathy has occurred more frequently in patients with advanced HIV disease, a history of neuropathy, or concurrent neurotoxic drug therapy, including didanosine (see ADVERSE REACTIONS).

PRECAUTIONS

Information for Patients: Patients should be informed that an important toxicity of ZERIT is peripheral neuropathy. Patients should be aware that peripheral neuropathy is manifested by numbness, tingling, or pain in hands or feet, and that these symptoms should be reported to their physicians. Patients should be counseled that peripheral neuropathy occurs with greatest frequency in patients who have advanced HIV disease or a history of peripheral neuropathy, and that dose modification and/or discontinuation of ZERIT may be required if toxicity develops.

Caregivers of young children receiving ZERIT therapy should be instructed regarding detection and reporting of peripheral neuropathy.

Patients should be informed that when ZERIT is used in combination with other agents with similar toxicities, the incidence of adverse events may be higher than when ZERIT is used alone. These patients should be followed closely.

Patients should be informed that ZERIT is not a cure for HIV infection, and that they may continue to acquire illnesses associated with HIV infection, including opportunistic infections. Patients should be advised to remain under the care of a physician when using ZERIT. They should be advised that ZERIT therapy has not been shown to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination. Patients should be informed that the long-term effects of ZERIT are unknown at this time.

Patients should be informed that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that HIV-infected mothers not nurse newborn infants to reduce the risk of postnatal transmission of HIV infection.

Drug Interactions: Zidovudine may competitively inhibit the intracellular phosphorylation of stavudine. Therefore, use of zidovudine in combination with ZERIT is not recommended. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY.)

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: In 2-year carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats, stavudine was noncarcinogenic at doses which produced exposures (AUC) 39 and 168 times, respectively, human exposure at the recommended clinical dose. Benign and malignant liver tumors in mice and rats and malignant urinary bladder tumors in male rats occurred at levels of exposure 250 (mice) and 732 (rats) times human exposure at the recommended clinical dose.

Stavudine was not mutagenic in the Ames, *E. coli* reverse mutation, or the CHO/HGPRT mammalian cell forward gene mutation assays, with and without metabolic activation. Stavudine produced positive results in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte clastogenesis and mouse fibroblast assays, and in the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test. In the *in vitro* assays, stavudine elevated the frequency of chromosome aberrations in human lymphocytes (concentrations of 25 to 250 µg/mL, without metabolic activation) and increased the frequency of transformed foci in mouse fibroblast cells (concentrations of 25 to 250 µg/mL, with and without metabolic activation). In the *in vivo* micronucleus assay, stavudine was clastogenic in bone marrow cells following oral stavudine administration to mice at dosages of 600 to 2000 mg/kg/day for 3 days.

No evidence of impaired fertility was seen in rats with exposures (based on C_{max}) up to 216 times that observed following a clinical dosage of 1 mg/kg/day.

Pregnancy: Pregnancy "Category C." Reproduction studies have been performed in rats and rabbits with exposures (based on C_{max}) up to 399 and 183 times, respectively, of that seen at a clinical dosage of 1 mg/kg/day and have revealed no evidence of teratogenicity. The incidence in fetuses of a common skeletal variation, unossified or incomplete ossification of sternebra, was increased in rats at 399 times human exposure, while no effect was observed at 216 times human exposure. A slight post-implantation loss was noted at 216 times the human exposure with no effect noted at approximately 135 times the human exposure. An increase in early rat neonatal mortality (birth to 4 days of age) occurred at 399 times the human exposure, while survival of neonates was unaffected at approximately 135 times the human exposure. A study in rats showed that stavudine is transferred to the fetus through the placenta. The concentration in fetal tissue was approximately one-half the concentration in maternal plasma. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, stavudine should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry: To monitor maternal-fetal outcomes of pregnant women exposed to stavudine and other antiretroviral agents, an Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry has been established. Physicians are encouraged to register patients by calling (800) 256-4263.

Nursing Mothers: Studies in lactating rats demonstrated that stavudine is excreted in milk. Although it is not known whether stavudine is excreted in human milk, there exists the potential for adverse effects from stavudine in nursing infants. Mothers should be instructed to discontinue nursing if they are receiving stavudine. This instruction is consistent with the Centers for Disease Control recommendation that HIV-infected mothers not breast-feed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV infection.

Pediatric Use: Use of stavudine in pediatric patients is supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled studies of stavudine in adults with additional pharmacokinetic and safety data in pediatric patients.

Adverse events that were reported to occur in 105 pediatric patients receiving

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ZERIT (stavudine) 2 mg/kg/day for a median of 6.4 months in study ACTG 240 were generally similar to those reported in adults.

Stavudine pharmacokinetics have been evaluated in 25 HIV-infected pediatric patients ranging in age from 5 weeks to 15 years and in weight from 2 to 43 kg after 1V, or oral administration of single doses and BID regimens (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Table 1 in full prescribing information).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adults: ZERIT therapy has been associated with peripheral neuropathy, which can be severe, is dose related, and occurs more frequently in patients being treated with neurotoxic drug therapy, including didanosine, in patients with advanced HIV infection, or in patients who have previously experienced peripheral neuropathy.

Patients should be monitored for the development of neuropathy, which is usually manifested by numbness, tingling, or pain in the feet or hands. Stavudine-related peripheral neuropathy may resolve if therapy is withdrawn promptly. In some cases, symptoms may worsen temporarily following discontinuation of therapy. If symptoms resolve completely, patients may tolerate resumption of treatment at one-half the dose (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). If neuropathy recurs after resumption of ZERIT, permanent discontinuation of ZERIT should be considered.

When ZERIT is used in combination with other agents with similar toxicities, the incidence of adverse events may be higher than when ZERIT is used alone. Patients treated with ZERIT in combination with didanosine may be at increased risk for adverse events such as pancreatitis, peripheral neuropathy, and liver function abnormalities. (See WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS.)

Selected clinical events that occurred in adult patients receiving ZERIT in a controlled monotherapy trial (Study A455-019) are provided in Table 1.

Adverse Events	Percent (%)	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)
Headache	54	49
Diarrhea	50	44
Peripheral Neurologic Symptoms/Neuropathy	52	39
Rash	40	35
Nausea and Vomiting	39	44

^a Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.

Pancreatitis was observed in three of the 412 adult patients who received ZERIT in a controlled monotherapy study.

Selected clinical adverse events that occurred in antiretroviral naïve adult patients receiving ZERIT from two controlled combination studies are provided in Table 2.

Adverse Events	Percent (%)			
	START 1		START 2	
	ZERIT+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=100) ^a	zidovudine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=102)	ZERIT+ didanosine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=102) ^a	zidovudine+ didanosine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=103)
Nausea	43	63	53	67
Diarrhea	34	16	45	39
Headache	25	26	46	37
Rash	18	13	30	18
Vomiting	18	33	30	35
Peripheral Neurologic Symptoms/Neuropathy	8	7	21	10

^a START 2 compared two triple-combination regimens in 205 treatment-naïve patients. Patients received either ZERIT (40 mg BID) plus didanosine plus lamivudine or zidovudine plus lamivudine plus indinavir.

^b Duration of stavudine therapy = 48 weeks.

Pancreatitis resulting in death was observed in one patient who received ZERIT plus didanosine plus lamivudine in the START 2 study.

Selected laboratory abnormalities reported in a controlled monotherapy study (Study A455-019) are provided in Table 3.

Parameter	Percent (%)	
	ZERIT (40 mg BID) (n=412)	zidovudine (200 mg TID) (n=402)
AST (SGOT) (>5.0 x ULN)	11	10
ALT (SGPT) (>5.0 x ULN)	13	11
Amylase (≥1.4 x ULN)	14	13

^a Data presented for patients for whom laboratory evaluations were performed.

^b Median duration of stavudine therapy = 79 weeks; median duration of zidovudine therapy = 53 weeks.

ULN = upper limit of normal.

Selected laboratory abnormalities reported in two controlled combination studies are provided in Tables 4 and 5.

Parameter	Percent of Patients			
	START 1		START 2	
	ZERIT+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=100)	zidovudine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=102)	ZERIT+ didanosine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=102)	zidovudine+ didanosine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=103)
Bilirubin (>2.6 x ULN)	7	6	16	8
SGOT (AST) (>5 x ULN)	5	2	7	7
SGPT (ALT) (>5 x ULN)	6	2	8	5
GGT (>5 x ULN)	2	2	5	2
Lipase (>2 x ULN)	6	3	5	5
Amylase (>2 x ULN)	4	<1	8	2

ULN = upper limit of normal.

Table 5
Selected Laboratory Abnormalities in START 1 and START 2 Studies
(All Grades)

Parameter	Percent (%)			
	START 1		START 2	
	ZERIT+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=100)	zidovudine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=102)	ZERIT+ didanosine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=102)	zidovudine+ didanosine+ lamivudine+ indinavir (n=103)
Total Bilirubin	65	60	68	55
SGOT (AST)	42	20	53	20
SGPT (ALT)	40	20	50	18
GGT	15	8	28	12
Lipase	27	12	26	19
Amylase	21	19	31	17

Observed During Clinical Practice: The following events have been identified during post-approval use of ZERIT (stavudine). Because they are reported voluntarily from a population of unknown size, estimates of frequency cannot be made. These events have been chosen for inclusion due to their seriousness, frequency of reporting, causal connection to ZERIT, or a combination of these factors.

Body as a Whole: abdominal pain, allergic reaction, and chills/fever.

Digestive Disorders: anorexia.

Hematologic Disorders: anemia, leukopenia, and thrombocytopenia.

Liver: lactic acidosis and hepatic steatosis (see WARNINGS), hepatitis and liver failure.

Musculoskeletal: myalgia.

Nervous system: insomnia.

Pediatric Patients: Adverse reactions and serious laboratory abnormalities in pediatric patients were similar in type and frequency to those seen in adult patients.

OVERDOSAGE

Experience with adults treated with 12 to 24 times the recommended daily dosage revealed no acute toxicity. Complications of chronic overdosage include peripheral neuropathy and hepatic toxicity. Stavudine can be removed by hemodialysis; the mean \pm SD hemodialysis clearance of stavudine is 120 ± 18 mL/min. Whether stavudine is eliminated by peritoneal dialysis has not been studied.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The interval between doses of ZERIT should be 12 hours. ZERIT may be taken without regard to meals.

Adults: The recommended dose based on body weight is as follows:

40 mg twice daily for patients ≥ 60 kg.

30 mg twice daily for patients <60 kg.

Pediatrics: The recommended dose for pediatric patients weighing less than 30 kg is 1 mg/kg/dose, given every 12 hours. Pediatric patients weighing 30 kg or greater should receive the recommended adult dosage.

Dosage Adjustment: Patients should be monitored for the development of peripheral neuropathy, which is usually manifested by numbness, tingling, or pain in the feet or hands. These symptoms may be difficult to detect in young children (see WARNINGS). If these symptoms develop during treatment, stavudine therapy should be interrupted. Symptoms may resolve if therapy is withdrawn promptly. In some cases, symptoms may worsen temporarily following discontinuation of therapy. If symptoms resolve completely, patients may tolerate resumption of treatment at one-half the recommended dose.

20 mg twice daily for patients ≥ 60 kg.

15 mg twice daily for patients <60 kg.

If neuropathy recurs after resumption of ZERIT, permanent discontinuation of ZERIT should be considered.

Renal Impairment: ZERIT may be administered to adult patients with impaired renal function with adjustment in dose as shown in Table 6.

Table 6 Recommended Dosage Adjustment for Renal Impairment		
Creatinine Clearance (mL/min)	Recommended ZERIT Dose by Patient Weight	
	≥ 60 kg	<60 kg
>50	40 mg every 12 hours	30 mg every 12 hours
26-50	20 mg every 12 hours	15 mg every 12 hours
10-25	20 mg every 24 hours	15 mg every 24 hours

Since urinary excretion is also a major route of elimination of stavudine in pediatric patients, the clearance of stavudine may be altered in children with renal impairment. Although there are insufficient data to recommend a specific dose adjustment of ZERIT in this patient population, a reduction in the dose and/or an increase in the interval between doses should be considered.

Hemodialysis Patients: The recommended dose is 20 mg every 24 hours (≥ 60 kg) or 15 mg every 24 hours (<60 kg), administered after the completion of hemodialysis and at the same time of day on non-dialysis days.

Method of Preparation:

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Prior to dispensing, the pharmacist must constitute the dry powder with purified water to a concentration of 1 mg stavudine per mL of solution, as follows:

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3. Dispense solution in original container with measuring cup provided. Instruct patient to shake the container vigorously prior to measuring each dose and to store the tightly closed container in a refrigerator, 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). Discard any unused portion after 30 days.

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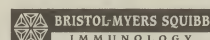
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Gay Republicans in conventionland

by Bob Roeher

Acceptance does not come easy for gay Republicans, but still, it is coming at the national convention in Philadelphia. While that party's embrace of gays is decidedly less enthusiastic than that of Democrats, it is helpful to remember just how much things have changed in the GOP.

"We didn't even have rhetoric in 1992," said David Greer, president of the Pennsylvania chapter of Log Cabin Republicans. He was not counting the anti-gay vitriol spewed from the Houston dais by Pat Buchanan. "In 1996 we only had neutrality," Greer continued. "This year we have inclusion."

Eighteen openly gay delegates and alternates are accredited to this confab, up from five in 1996. Presidential candidate George W. Bush met with a delegation of gay supporters in April. And he chose Dick Cheney as his running mate even after learning that Cheney's daughter Mary, 31, is a lesbian.

Mary Cheney was beside her father during the opening session of the convention. And according to the online Druge Report, the Bush campaign fully expects her to be on stage on Thursday night with all of the candidates' family members.

"It is one of the most exciting things to have taken place," said Rich Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans. "Had Bush been afraid of the social conservatives, I'm sure he wouldn't have selected Cheney. And Cheney himself could have said no if he were afraid. All of those are good signs for us, they point to a level of comfort."

The surprising thing is that neither the media nor the religious right have made a big deal about it, though Mary Cheney has not exactly been made widely available to the press.

Some speculate that the campaign does not want to divert attention from the candidates. And Tafel suspects that the right is finding out, "It is one thing to attack legislation, quite another to attack a daughter and a family" while they are in the same room.

The Bush campaign and platform chair Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson had the greatest control over the subcommittee's draft, said Carl Schmid, an openly gay alternate delegate from Washington, DC. "To their credit, it deleted most of the anti-gay statements contained in the 1996 platform," he said.

But the rank and file members who control many state organiza-

tions, particularly in the south, as well as the full platform committee, are far to the right of the presidential ticket. They inserted strong language opposing "special rights" and gays in the military, and praised both the Defense of Marriage Act and the Boy Scouts.

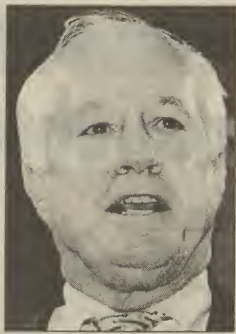
The Bush team was more concerned with maintaining party unity on controversial issues such as abortion and gay rights than it was with words on paper. It chose a course of least resistance.

Its actions seemed to endorse the sentiment of columnist Jim Pilkerton, a moderate who served in the Reagan administration. He wrote, "increasingly, platforms are to politics what those 'DO NOT REMOVE UNDER PENALTY OF LAW' tags are to pillows: something that's always there, even though nobody quite knows why."

"What we are going to have to live with is a Bush administration, not an administration of these platform people," said Tafel.

Kolbe speaks

The announcement that unassuming Jim Kolbe (R-Arizona),



Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe

the only openly gay Republican member of Congress, would speak at the convention drew the wrath of far right loonies.

From that bastion of homophobia, Cincinnati, Phil Burress, chairman of Equal Rights not Special Rights, sent a letter to RNC Chairman Jim Nicholson calling for Kolbe's arrest for engaging in sodomy. Burress offered no evidence for arrest other than the fact

that Kolbe is "a self-described homosexual," according to Burress.

Cathie Adams, president of the Eagle Forum of Texas and a member of the convention platform committee told the *Fort Worth Star Telegram* that Kolbe's selection "is a quota ... This is being done to pander to the homosexual agenda." She said that inviting the congressman to speak contradicted the "pro-family" plank of the platform.

"Apparently some Republicans don't feel safe in their homes with Kolbe talking about NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement] in prime time," wrote *Houston Chronicle* columnist Julie Mason. She recounted his military service in Vietnam and the medal of honor he was awarded.

Some members of the Texas delegation even began talking of sending a message to Bush in a "quiet way" by walking out during Kolbe's speech. Tarrant County party chairwoman Pat Carlson told the *Arizona Republic*. "I think it is appropriate if we get a speaker like that who is not representative of most of the delegate's beliefs."

But the Bush campaign was sending messages of its own. "They are not going to tolerate any shenanigans from the right, they really have been shutting them down," said Tafel. "It is really quite amazing."

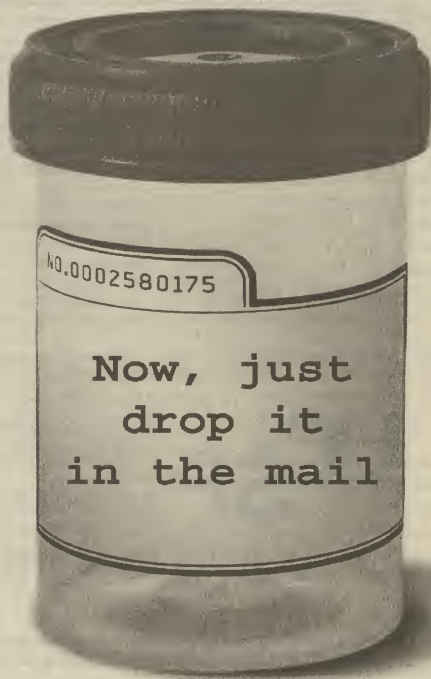
Michelangelo Signorile, a columnist with Gay.com, said that both gays and the right have been shoved into the closet by campaign operatives.

So when Kolbe stepped to the podium, there was no walkout. A few members of the Texas delegation, seated on the floor of the arena directly in front of the speaker's dais, took off their cowboy hats and bowed their heads in prayer.

The congressman intoned, "Through free trade, we have exported our principles, as well as our products, sharing America's freedom and democracy with the world."

He clearly is not a master orator and is not accustomed to using a TelePrompTer to read speeches. Nor did his topic of foreign trade, of which he is an acknowledged expert, rate high on the scintillation meter. But Jim Kolbe did his part to earn a footnote in history. ▼

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Mary Cheney

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tremely close to her father and fiercely loyal to the family, *Salon* reported.

"I think Mary's biggest contribution is with Coors," Chopnik said. "She opened corporate America's eyes and developed trust in other people, especially here in Denver."

Mary Cheney's visit to San Francisco last fall was not her only Bay Area appearance. Two years ago, in September 1998, she and a colleague from Coors were in Oakland, checking out East Bay Pride at a reception and talking with organizers about possible support from Coors for future Gay Mardi Gras events. While she mingled easily with guests and extolled the advancements made at Coors regarding the LGBT community, last year's Stonewall 30 event did not include sponsorship from Coors. ▼

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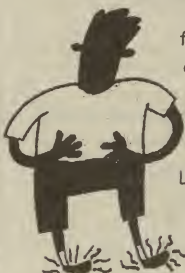
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Peninsula lesbians create family, present daughter to church

by Marv. Shaw

Lesbians are having their own children in increasing numbers, and one such Bay Area couple recently introduced their daughter to their church. Though not news in and of itself, the event goes to show that lesbian and gay families are just like heterosexual families, and that's the point.

When their first child was 9 months old, Donna and Margaret Sequeira resolved to bring Mollie to the church they both belonged to, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City—and did so with great pride at a recent service that they designed themselves.

The result is one more experience for a girl who had been conceived with the women's plans, careful resources, and help of modern medical science, and the blessings of a contemporary, liberal church all firmly in mind.

Lesbians who have been together for six and a half years, Donna, 38, and Margaret, 33, have been preparing for this family creation since 1998. Though they have chosen not to identify the man who provided the sperm, they have a strong psychological reason: elimination of any possible claim to parenthood by anyone else and at the same time, a strengthening of the bond between the two of them, and giving the child a means for fixating parenthood on them equally.

Of course, care was taken to guar-



Lesbian moms Donna and Margaret Sequeira with their daughter, Mollie.

antee that the contributing male's sperm was healthy, and as a matter of fact, had been in observed storage for six months as a precaution.

Though reactions of Donna's and Margaret's parents contrasted considerably at first, both families now accept the couple's relationship and their granddaughter.

As friends and relatives grew accustomed to their relationship, such traditional events as baby showers were given for Margaret and Donna prior to Mollie's birth.

When asked about Mollie's education, both women were firm on the value of a strong church presence in the child's life. Mollie's

presentation to the Unitarian Church in June was a beginning of that presence. The women expect that their daughter will attend public school.

Donna and Margaret experience the customary reactions of others—of varying acquaintance. The most difficult one is the question of "Which one is the 'real' mother?" They have learned the factual but diplomatic answer, something along the lines that they are both Mollie's "real" mother.

Having and raising Mollie is a rewarding experience, and Donna and Margaret plan on having more children in the future. ▼

International bisexual confab this month

by Liz Highleyman

This year's International Bisexual Conference will take place later this month in Manchester, England. The four-day conference—happening August 24-28—will feature a wide

range of workshops and presentations of interest to bisexuals and their friends, partners, and allies. The conference also will include vendors, discussions, an art exhibit, and entertainment. The conference is scheduled to coincide with the Manchester Gay Fest.

Presentations and workshops

will be arranged in tracks dealing with themes including media, health concerns, the Internet, spirituality and religion, and youth and gender issues. Organizers aim to provide a venue for both bisexual activists and organizers, and for those doing research and theory in areas such as anthropology, psychology, sociology, history, theology, legal studies, and women's studies, as they relate to bisexuality; the conference is intended to provide an opportunity for dialogue between community activists and academics.

This will be the sixth IBC. The first such conference took place in San Francisco in 1990; succeeding conferences have taken place in cities such as Amsterdam, Berlin, and Boston. The fifth IBC, held at Harvard University in 1998, brought together over 1,000 participants. This year's confab was originally scheduled to take place in Rotterdam, but after organizers in the Netherlands were unable to muster the resources to put on the meeting, bi organizers in the United Kingdom stepped forward to offer their annual national conference as a venue for the international gathering; U.K. bisexual conferences have been held for the past 17 years. The seventh International Bisexual Conference is scheduled to take place in Australia in 2002. ▼

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Second gay men's health confab spawns regional gatherings

by Jim Baxter

Health providers, activists, and others gathered in Boulder, Colorado last month for the second Gay Men's Health Summit. Over 400 individuals – including two dozen women – came from 37 states and a handful of countries to participate in over 100 workshops and programs.

"Last year's summit had more discussion of what the issues were," said Harold Levine, a New York-based consultant for SmithKline Beecham. "This year had more 'how-to,' more specifics."

The focus on leadership training and organizing skills was in anticipation of the regional and local gay men's health gatherings planned for next year.

"The rubber really hits the road on a local level," Levine said, "through physicians, community-based health care organizations, clinics, AIDS service organizations."

"People came together eager to do some local organizing," said author and activist Eric Rofes. "Over the next year, summit participants will blanket the nation with gay men's health projects like we went coast-to-coast with HIV prevention projects in the mid-1980s."

Healthy People 2010

Healthy People 2010, the federal government's agenda on health and prevention objectives, received particular attention with a plenary session and several related workshops.

Marty Rouse, assistant to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, said the main reason he came to the summit was to explain Healthy People 2010. "The document comes out every 10 years as a health prevention plan for America, and this is the first time sexual orientation has been added to the list."

"Being included in this document means that federal and local governments must address our health concerns and alleviate health disparities based upon sexual orientation," said Randall Sell, assistant professor at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

During the plenary, audience members responded angrily to issues they said were overlooked in the report, citing the absence of needle exchange, condom distribution in prisons, and the exclusion of gay men and lesbians from specific categories such as cancer.

"This is the same federal administration that insisted on yet more research on needle exchange and then did absolutely nothing when the research was provided. What makes us think that the late addition of the category of sexual orientation is going to make HHS have any more spine when it comes to politically tricky questions of what we do in bed," asked Richard Elovich, former director of HIV prevention at Gay Men's Health Crisis and an organizer of needle exchange in New York City.



Gay Men's Health Summit participants, from left, Eric Rofes, Matt Brown, Kirk Reed, David Acosta, Carlos Velazquez, and Mark Beyer.

"Furthermore, the inclusion of sexual orientation alone without a question about sexual practices misses the point when we know tens of thousands of homosexually active people – particularly young blacks and Latinos – don't identify as gay."

Rouse defended the document, saying "This is a long, long process. I've already traveled to 25 cities, I came to the Gay Men's Health Summit, and because of that, the community is more aware of this document than any other community. We've done that because the secretary understands this is a new area, and people weren't ready for it."

"It's easy to point the finger at Bill Clinton or Donna Shalala or their gay representatives at the summit," said Rofes. "But it's much harder to face the facts about gay men's own pathetic health organizing of the past decade and admit that – while it's so important that we've built an infrastructure and lobbying groups to fight HIV – we're tragically unfocused, under-resourced, and unprepared to tackle other health challenges at the federal level."

"If Healthy People 2010 is not the document we want it to be, it's because we have not created the multi-issue, multicultural gay men's health movement to force the feds to include gay men of all colors in a central way," he said.

Focusing on specifics

"The Gay Men's Summit is very valuable," said longtime AIDS researcher Vickie Mays, a psychology professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, "because it allows you to become very focused on what the issues are for gay men and to move forward on a gay men's health agenda. I was quite excited by the work that was being done on developing a black gay male health agenda."

A special all-day intensive for men of color was organized at the Summit by members of MOCHA (Men of Color in HIV/AIDS) 2000, a gay men of color project in Chicago, funded by the Office of Minority Health.

Rashad Burgess, director of MOCHA, said "We did a session around building leadership in gay men of color communities, one on substance use and models of addiction, and one on gay youth."

A coalition of African Ameri-

can gay men came together during the summit and drafted a black gay men's health agenda. "Our objectives are to increase the health and welfare of black gay men, the development of health and social indicators, gather data to show comparisons and changes in black gay men's health," Burgess said, "and to raise the quality of health care for black gay men, whereby they receive the best of the best health care."

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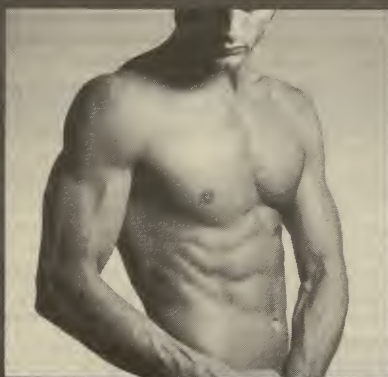
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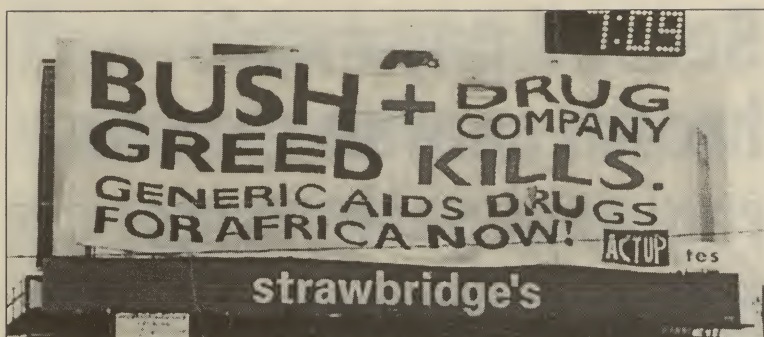
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ACT UP/Philly greets Bush at GOP convention

by Jeff Getty, Survive AIDS Writers Pool

On Monday, July 31, the opening day of the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, members of ACT UP/Philadelphia dropped a giant 30 by 75 foot banner from a highly visible location on a downtown billboard.

The action took place because activists are demanding that presumed GOP nominee George W. Bush take a stand against high drug prices that result in the deaths of millions of people with HIV in Africa and elsewhere around the world. Activist Julie Davids said that Bush should publicly support the production of low-cost, generic AIDS drugs in developing nations.

The banner covered the entire billboard, next to the Schuylkill River and local Highway 676, and caused a delay in rush hour traffic as motorists gawked. The banner read: BUSH AND DRUG COMPANY GREED KILLS - GENERIC AIDS DRUGS FOR AFRICA NOW! It was placed over an existing billboard ad at 6:57a.m. Monday morning, at the start of the GOP convention.

ACT UP/Philadelphia is widely credited with forcing significant change in U.S. trade policy after the group targeted the Clinton administration with a series of zaps and major demonstrations. Those actions included numerous disruptions of the first several months of Vice President Al Gore's campaign appearances. "We thought it was time to target Bush as well," said Davids. Davids pointed out that several key Bush backers hold a significant portion of Third World debt and have been pressuring poor countries to meet payments at the expense of healthcare and AIDS spending. "Bush's supporters are the slumlords of Third World debt," said Davids.

After several months of announcements from President Clinton, Gore, and U.S. Trade Rep-

resentative Charlene Barshefsky, Clinton issued an executive order this spring. The order halted the U.S. government's routine practice of levying sanctions against sub-Saharan nations that pursue World Trade Organization options to manufacture generic versions of expensive patented medicines, as well as shopping around the globe to import drugs at the best world price.

Given the Bush campaign's ties with major drug companies, activists fear that if he's elected, a drug industry-backed Bush administration will reverse Clinton's executive order. "With 23 million

African lives at stake, AIDS drugs for Africa must become a campaign issue for Bush as well as Gore," stated ACT UP/Philly's Paul Davis.

Another Philly activist who has been following the Bush campaign is Katie Krauss. "Pharmaceutical companies have come under increasing fire for high prices globally. Even though African nations account for only [a small percentage] of the global pharmaceutical market, drug companies have pulled out their fat wallets to stop self-sufficient manufacture of generic drugs," Krauss said.

Krauss thinks the drug industry does not want citizens of richer countries to learn the fact that pills cost just pennies to manufacture while greedy profits costs lives. "The love affair between Bush and the drug companies is heartbreaking for people with HIV here and in Africa," she added.

According to recently published reports, Bush is looking to appoint Deborah Steelman, his top healthcare advisor, to the powerful position of secretary of health. Steelman is a leading insurance and drug company lobbyist. Her firm, Steelman Enterprises, received \$3 million in one year from insurance firms and drug companies and has contributed

substantially to the Bush campaign.

In March, a Washington D.C. consumer group, Public Citizen, cried foul saying Steelman had a conflict of interest as being both a member of the National Medicare Commission and running a drug company lobbyist firm.

Krauss said that she finds Steelman to be particularly alarming. "Basically what we have here is a situation where the drug companies will gain significant control over government healthcare spending if Steelman were appointed following a Bush campaign win," she said.

Krauss regularly refers reporters to a *Philadelphia Inquirer* article that links Steelman, Bush and an extramarital affair between Steelman and Bakersfield Congressman Bill Thomas (R-California). Steelman has been heavily involved in Republican plans to block Medicare drug reimbursements for the disabled, PWAs, and the elderly. Yet Steelman is now attracting negative press to the Bush campaign due to her political sex life.

So far, Bush has been silent on AIDS as governor and presidential candidate. And Bush's track record on AIDS in Texas has angered people with HIV across the country. Despite the high number of AIDS cases, state programs are chronically underfunded. State Representative Glen Maxey, founder of Texas AIDS Treatment Data Network and AIDS Services of Austin, stated that Bush is "Absent, nonexistent, AWOL" on AIDS.

Activists also charge that Bush has ignored a federal waiver to rescue the frequently bankrupt Assistance Program in Texas, which provides life-saving AIDS drugs to low income Texans. The waiver does not require state funds, but does require Bush's signature; the waiver remains unsigned. The program also suffers from restricted, tiered access and an extremely low income cutoff that leaves families with no access to treatment for AIDS. ▼

Bush's AIDS record

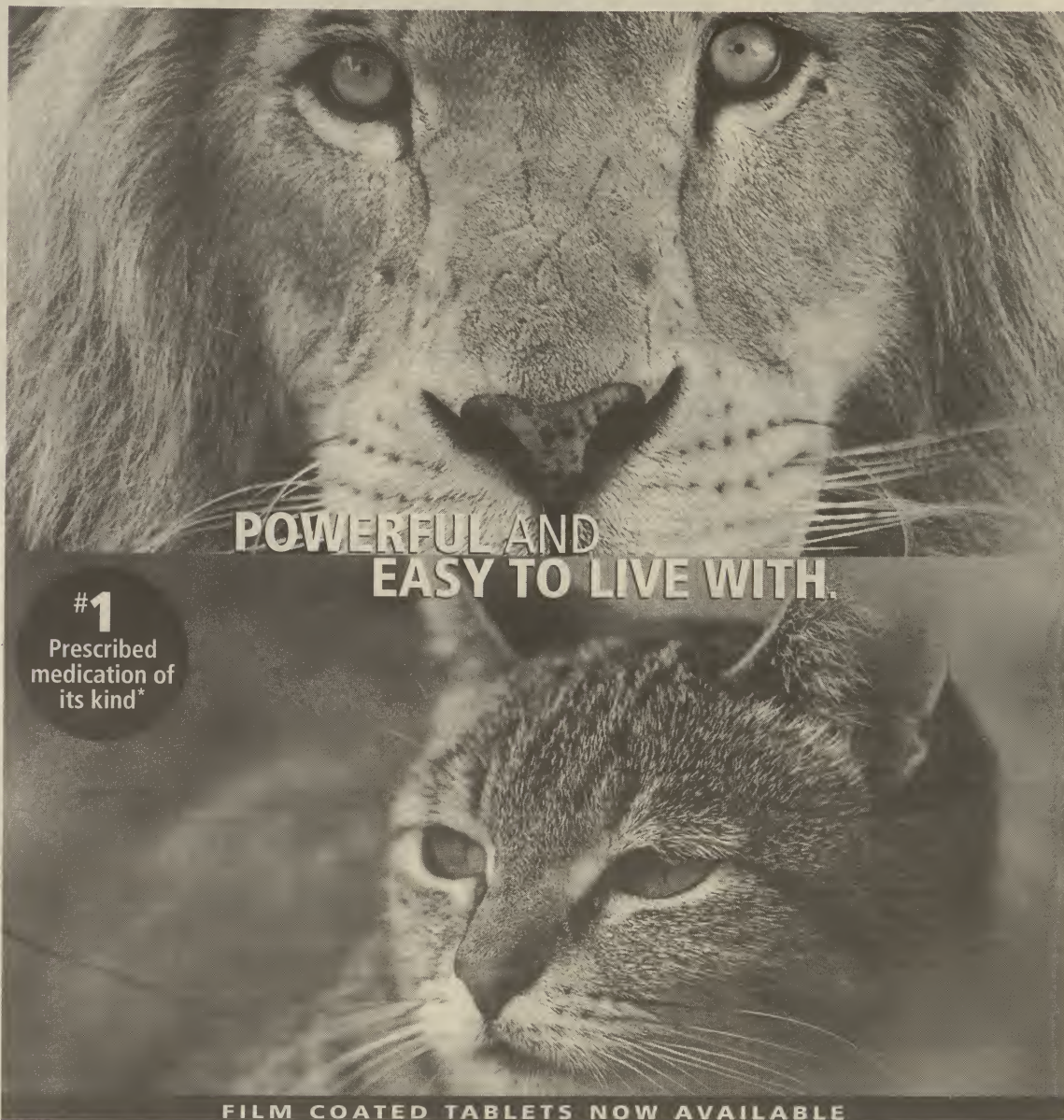
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- Jeff Getty

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Some common medications and some HIV-related medications should not be taken with VIRACEPT. Protease inhibitors, including VIRACEPT, may interact with cholesterol-lowering drugs. Talk to your doctor about any prescription or non-prescription drugs you are

taking. For some people, protease inhibitors have been associated with the onset or worsening of diabetes mellitus and hyperglycemia, changes in the distribution or accumulation of body fat, and increased bleeding in patients with hemophilia. For more information, call toll free 1-888-VIRACEPT or visit www.viracept.com. (Refer to the important information on the next page.)

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Information for Patients About VIRACEPT® (VI-ra-cept)
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For the Treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection
Please read this information carefully before taking VIRACEPT. Also, please read this leaflet each time you renew the prescription, just in case anything has changed. This is a summary and not a replacement for a careful discussion with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIRACEPT when you start taking this medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when taking VIRACEPT and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

What is VIRACEPT and how does it work?

VIRACEPT is used in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. You should be aware, however, that the effect of VIRACEPT on HIV in the blood has not been correlated with long-term health benefits. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in the number of CD4 cell count.

VIRACEPT is usually taken together with other antiretroviral drugs such as Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT), Epivir® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit® (zalcitabine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

Does VIRACEPT cure HIV or AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Who should or should not take VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking protease inhibitors. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs and arms may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

Can VIRACEPT be taken with other medications?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

- Hismanal® (astemizole, for allergies)
- Propulsid® (cisapride, for heartburn)
- Cordaron® (amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)
- Quinidine® (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute®, Cardioquin®, Quinidex®, and others
- Ergot derivatives (Cafergot® and others, for migraine headache)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
- Versed® (midazolam)

Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.

- Rifampin® (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®

This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:

- Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

- Phenobarbital
- Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
- Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)

These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.

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If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

Special considerations

Before you take Viagra® (sildenafil) with VIRACEPT, talk to your doctor about possible drug interactions and side effects. If you take Viagra and VIRACEPT together, you may be at increased risk of side effects of Viagra such as low blood pressure, visual changes, and penile erection lasting more than 4 hours. If an erection lasts longer than 4 hours, you should seek immediate medical assistance to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.

It is not recommended to take VIRACEPT with the cholesterol-lowering drugs Mevacor® (lovastatin) or Zorcor® (simvastatin) because of possible drug interactions. There is also an increased risk of drug interactions between VIRACEPT and Lipitor® (atorvastatin) and Baycol® (cerivastatin); talk to your doctor before you take either of these cholesterol reducing drugs with VIRACEPT.

How should VIRACEPT be taken with other anti-HIV drugs?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

- Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)
- Epivir (lamivudine, 3TC)
- Zerit (stavudine, d4T)
- Videx® (didanosine, ddI)

If you are taking both Videx (ddI) and VIRACEPT:

Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Viramune® (nevirapine)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.

Sustiva™ (efavirenz)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. A dose adjustment is not needed when VIRACEPT is used with Sustiva.

Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Crixivan® (indinavir)

The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Norvir® (ritonavir)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Invirase® (saquinavir)

The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

What are the side effects of VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 14-20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily or 1250 mg (five tablets) two times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

How should I take VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. Your doctor may prescribe the light blue VIRACEPT Tablets either as 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or as 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. **Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.** The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, you should not miss any doses. However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 1250 mg (five tablets) taken two times a day or 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 to 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

Pediatric Dose to be Administered Three Times Daily				
Body Weight Kg	Lb	Number of Level Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets
7 to <8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	—
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1 1/4	—
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1 1/2	—
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1 3/4	—
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	—
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2 1/4	—
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2 1/2	2
≥ 23	≥ 50.5	15	3 3/4	3

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

*1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

†1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your Pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do not mix the powder with any acidic foods or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Do not heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

How should VIRACEPT be stored?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and stored at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw away medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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Deadline for obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m., with the exception of special display ad obituaries, which must be submitted by Friday at 3 p.m.

Randell W. Lawrence

November 1955 — July 2000



A Georgia peach... with a big grin and a laugh... worked in the city for over twenty years, at B. of A. and Hot n' Hunkey on 18th St. Did not like the U.S.N.I. Loved his art work. A great cook! Loved animals and nature. Loved Nick at Nite. Randell leaves his twin brother Rodger of Phoenix, his sisters Tina and Rhonda of Hinesville, Georgia, and his partner of eleven years — "Rocky." Randell, "We Love You."

Deb McCall

Deb died at home of heart failure on July 23, to the great sorrow of friends, family, co-workers, and just about everyone who was lucky enough to meet her.

Born in Ohio, Deb moved to the Bay Area 20 years ago, and worked as the bookkeeper and Financial Manager for Good Vibrations since 1994.

Nicknamed "honest Deb" as a teenager, her direct, straightforward style and wicked sense of humor were a joy to experience — and a breath of fresh air in the sometimes stifling environment of a feminist cooperative workplace.

She especially loved her mother, the 49ers, Hawaii, and the theatre.

Her pals at Good Vibrations, the Lexington, the M&M — and most of all the Harries gang — miss her huge heart, her kindness, and the sound of her laughter more than we can say.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 9, at 9 a.m., at the Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St.

Wil Spencer

April 20, 1942 — July 22, 2000



After a long and courageous 10-year battle with AIDS and related complications, Wil Spencer passed away peacefully in his San Francisco home on Nob Hill. A two-time resident of San Francisco, Wil was well known and extremely popular in our community's Castro district and could often be found at Uncle Bert's Place where he

"held court" on all of the local, national, and world issues being debated in the media.

Wil was a committed community leader and a career United Way fundraising executive who spent over 28 years as a devoted, successful and nationally recognized United Way professional in Boston, Washington, D.C., Honolulu, Miami and San Francisco.

Throughout his career he was responsible for raising over 500 million dollars for human-service agencies and programs. During the past 14 years in the Bay Area he was personally involved in charitable activities, and was particularly interested in youth-at-risk, HIV/AIDS health-related issues, and education.

He consulted and volunteered his time for countless Bay Area human service agencies and was appointed to several civic task forces, community problem-solving committees and commissions. Most recently he served on the Mayor's Committee on Homelessness. He proudly served four years in the U.S. Air Force and was a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer.

A "Champion of Diversity," Wil engaged with people of all cultures and lifestyles. He loved international travel, having visited and explored cities and historic sites throughout the world. He had a "Lust for Life" and enjoyed it to the fullest — every day... until the day he died.

Mr. Spencer has requested that contributions in his name should be sent to the United Way of the Bay Area's AIDS/HIV Fund or The Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice of San Francisco for persons living with AIDS.

A celebration of his life and courage was held on July 29, with a reception at Uncle Bert's Place at 18th St. & Castro.

Ward 5A in urgent need of volunteers

by Terry Beswick

We're looking for volunteers for the AIDS ward," said Renee Cibulka, executive director of volunteer programs at San Francisco General Hospital on Potrero Street. "We're in desperate need."

At the height of the AIDS epidemic, the world renowned ward had as many as 80 active volunteers on hand at any one time, and although there are not as many people with AIDS requiring hospitalization nowadays, Cibulka said that Ward 5A needs just as many volunteers now.

"They've burned out," said Alan Selby, a 16-year volunteer on the ward, in explanation for the precipitous decline in volunteerism at the county hospital, which has been named the best AIDS hospital in the country by U.S. News & World Report for seven years running.

Using a buddy system, Selby helps to train new volunteers who simply spend time with patients, talking with them, making them more comfortable by bringing them water, going to the pharmacy to

pick up their medications, and other small errands. They also essentially become patient advocates, and often help alert the nursing staff to any potential health problems.

But Selby and Cibulka said the reasons for the drop-off in volunteers at 5A are more complex than the familiar syndrome of AIDS burnout. For one, the economy is up, giving potential volunteers more disposable income to use in their free time. In addition, advances in HIV therapy in recent years have lessened many people's sense of urgency around AIDS in many areas, which is likely shrinking the pool of potential donors, as well as volunteers.

Many of the patients receiving care at 5A today are indigent; there is a much higher proportion of intravenous drug users and prostitutes, for example, than there was just a few years ago.

"I think it's attributable to the changing face of AIDS," said Cibulka of the drop-off in volunteers. "The face of the population has changed."

Additionally, though the majority of inpatients are still people living with AIDS, 5A is no longer

strictly an "AIDS ward." Today, 5A is also providing care for oncology patients, which could also be discouraging to volunteers who may have been motivated solely by a desire help people with AIDS.

The staff at 5A seeks to enlist three volunteers each for three daily shifts in the morning, afternoon, and evening. Shifts last from two to four hours each. At minimum, according to volunteer coordinator Kimberly Reilly, about 20 volunteers are needed immediately to help ensure that people receiving care at 5A are comfortable and, at the very least, do not feel alone during their medical crisis.

"We've always counted on them in the past, and we're confident they'll be there for us now," Cibulka said.

Ward 5A also needs donations for its Patient Care Fund, used to pay for non-medical items for patients in need, ranging from a stuffed animal to emergency travel for a patient's family.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at Ward 5A, call Kimberly Reilly at the hospital's volunteer center at (415) 206-8193. ▼

Health confab

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There was a strong emphasis at this year's summit on talking across boundaries — between generations, between races, between gay men and lesbians.

"There's been a tendency to position the gay health discussion as the AIDS dinosaurs versus the new, holistic thinkers on gay health," said Daniel Wolfe, author of *Men Like Us: The GMHC Complete Guide to Gay Men's Sexual, Physical and Emotional Well Being*. "For lots of us, this summit was powerful precisely because it moved beyond ideological posturing to let us talk about a new vision of gay health, to draw on lessons of the women's movement, or the pre-AIDS health movement, as well as the history of HIV organizing."

Wolfe facilitated several work-

shops, including "Never Forget: Memory, Gay Cultures and the Generation Gap" and "Homespun Health: Reports From The Front As It Was Back Then."

Shane Snowden, LGBT resources coordinator at the University of California, San Francisco, helped facilitate "What is Our Relationship to the Women's Health Movement and What Should it Be?"

"It was a pleasure to talk with a group of men so respectful of the women's movement and its accomplishments," she said. "As I mentioned in the workshop, I heard more praise for the feminist health movement at Boulder than I have at women's meetings, where all too often we focus on how much remains to be done and where we've gone astray."

Other workshop topics included holistic approaches to health care, substance use and party culture, gay life and health over 40 and under 30, suicide and eating

disorders among gay men, cybersex and its impact on real-life sex, and issues among gay people in rural areas.

"It was amazing to watch the five days unfold," Rofes said. "Now the hard work of linking local communities and getting them to expand health work with gay men beyond HIV/AIDS begins. I'm convinced people left Boulder ready to galvanize activism and program-development work in their local communities."

A national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender health summit was discussed for 2003. Local organizers have made tentative plans for a San Francisco summit next fall. ▼

Jim Baxter is editor and publisher of the *Front Page*, a lesbian and gay newspaper serving North Carolina since 1979.



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Lowest lane

by Jim Provenzano

It's playing out like a classic tale of folklore: the evil robber barons, motivated by pure greed, sell a popular business, evicting a community of minorities.

But the scenario, while cliché, is as real and cruel as the current Bay Area climate of bloated rent hikes and dot-com takeovers.

At a City Hall hearing of the Housing and Social Policy Committee Tuesday, August 1, over 200 concerned community members faced off against one evasive representative of the foreign-owned Kintetsu Enterprises Co. of America, owners of the popular Japantown Bowl, where gays, lesbians, and many other members of San Francisco's diverse community have enjoyed the alley for 24 years.

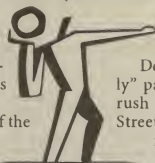
A Japanese railroad conglomerate which also owns the Miyako Hotel and other businesses in

Japantown, Kintetsu is acting in a swift and utterly confounding manner, according to some community members who regularly bowl there. Kintetsu plans to permanently shut down the bowling alley before selling it, without providing any recreational substitute for the thousands of people who use it each year.

Despite efforts to "quietly" pay off employees and rush through the Sutter Street building sale four months ago, word spread quickly among bowlers and Asian American residents of the popular district.

At a passionate July 26 community meeting organized by Japantown Bowl's neighbors, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, several hundred people also showed up to express their outrage and concern about the impending September 20 closing.

"A lot of people feel there's nothing we can do about it, but it's not sold," said Christopher Hi-



Sports Complex



Gay and lesbian bowlers are protesting the closure of Japantown Bowl. Here, the board of the Team SF bowling team prepared for Gay Games V in 1998. In back from left, Miguel Thurman, Chuck Yrana, Duane Flohra, Marc Gottschall, Anne Senter, and Rudy Maglenty. In front, from left, Sara Lewinstein and Cathy Patterson.

rano, director of community development for the JCCNC. "Until it's sold there's no reason to close it."

The JCCNC had attempted to propose to buy the building, or ensure that whoever buys it keeps the bowling alley open. Representatives from Bank of America had even advised the center's committee on a loan plan.

A reminder

Don't forget! Rassin' at the River, Golden Gate Wrestling's way wild pro wrestling dance party, this Saturday, August 5 at FAB in Guerneville. For more info, click on the big sexy grapplin' pic at <http://sportscomplex.org>.

Hit hard

Like many recent real estate purchases in Bay Area, Osaki called the selling price of the building "way overpriced." Kintetsu was laying its claim on the highest outside corporate bid, which Osaki considered unfair to a fledgling community center concerned with maintaining a stable atmosphere of safety and social outlets for growing youth and senior communities. Teng agreed that community needs have to be balanced with economic potential.

Bierman expressed what many in the non-bowling community may be feeling. "It caught me by surprise. It really shocked me," she said of how people take such a facility for granted.

But while all the supervisors expressed a sentiment toward the majority, no actual resolutions were made to prevent the inevitable sale and closure.

Nevertheless, many who showed up for the hearing will continue to fight. In the past two months, the cities of Carson and Cupertino saved their neighborhood centers from closing by passing local legislation.

Adolphus Thomas, past president of the California State Bowling Association, also countered Gomez's claims. If bowling is decreasing, he said, "It's not because people don't want to bowl, but that space is diminishing. Another tragedy is about to happen."

What was so impressive about the hearing was the number of youth present, so many that they had to fill a second room and watch the proceedings on television.

James, a youth director at Japantown Bowl, who's been bowling for 10 years, collected the first 1,000 signatures on a petition protesting the closure. "This is hitting us hard," he said.

Many other community members voiced varied perspectives on the cruelty and stupidity of such a closure. Seniors harkened back to the World War II days of Japanese internment camps. Middle-aged people recalled the troublesome era of messy San Francisco development in the 1970s and 1980s, when several hundred people were displaced in Chinatown to make room for a still-vacant lot, what one woman called "a hole in the ground."

Debate still continues over what, if anything, can be done to slow or halt the potential decimation of the Bay Area's unique indoor bowling space. Many implored the panel, chaired by Teng, to demand an assessment study. Others suggested the city buy the property, or offer a deal with Kintetsu.

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For more info on upcoming hearings, protests and meetings, call the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California at (415) 567-5505.

HEALTH RESOURCES

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Bay Area Reporter
395 Ninth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

ACT UP/SF

Discussion groups first and third Sundays of every month from 3-5pm. Contact: 864-6686.

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The Community Acupuncture Project offers free acupuncture Wed. 9-11:30am, American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, 450 Connecticut. 282-9603.

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Informal support group for gays and lesbians with Attention Deficit Disorder. Call Chuck, 282-7983.

AIDS Community Research Consortium
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Center for Special Problems

Groups for people with HIV: drop-in for women, women's therapy group, co-ed drop-in and psycho educational group. 1700 Jackson. Call for info: 292-1500.

Coming out support group for women
Meets Weds, 7:30-9pm at New Leaf, 1853 Market St. All women questioning their sexuality welcome. Info: Lyme, 626-7000.

Coming out support group for men
Meets Weds, 5:30-7pm at New Leaf, 1853 Market St. Men of all ages welcome. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman, Ph.D. Info: 626-7000.

Community United Against Violence
Provides services for LGBT victims of domestic violence and hate crimes. Also needs volunteer counselors on 24-hour crisis line. Call Nhu at 777-5500. For emergency 24-hour crisis line, call 333-HELP.

Continuum HIV Day Services

An UCSF Center on Deafness facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Medical services, counseling, therapy, meals, activities. 241-5500.

Counseling Services for Drinking Drivers

Groups for gay men who are court- or DMV-mandated to attend a multiple offender program. Chemical Awareness & Treatment Services: 241-1187.

Crystal Meth Anonymous

Meetings every Wed, 8pm at The Meeting Place, 1874 Market; Sat, 9pm, and Sun, 6pm at 529 Clayton. Hotline: 267-5953.

Davies Med. Center

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HIV Group

Weekly group for men with HIV/AIDS. Sixteen Wed. afternoons from 1-2:30pm. Free to SF residents. Center for Special Problems, 1700 Jackson. 292-1534.

HIV Positive Drop-In Group

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Lesbian Support Groups

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Native American AIDS Project

Support, resources and advocacy for Native Americans/Alaskan Natives and their families affected by HIV. 1540 Market St., Suite 425. Info/intake: 522-2460.

New Leaf

Provides substance abuse, mental health, HIV and senior services for les, gay, bi, and trans community. Info/intake: 626-7000.

OUTLINE

Free HIV info and support using Windows or Macintosh graphic interface. Info: 554-0555 or info@outorg

Pacific Center

Counseling services, social groups for queer youth & adults, sliding scale. 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. (510) 548-8283.

Pacific Center Walnut Creek

Support groups for queer and questioning people, counseling referrals and information. (510) 939-7711.

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Models for enhancing life near death, serves the terminally ill, free 10-week support group in SF. Call for info: 522-9192.

The Positive Center

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Project Open Hand

Provides free prepared meals, groceries and nutrition counseling for people with symptomatic and disabling HIV disease. Call 1-800-551-6325 for intake information.

PWA Long-Term Survivors

Support group for men: small, friendly, pro-active. Call Carol, 584-1708.

Q Action

Work with other queer boys to stop HIV transmission among young gay and bi men. Info: 431-2AC7.

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Support group, share stories, every Mon., 7pm. Call for location and info. 252-1381.

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SCA

Sexual Compulsive Anonymous meets Mon. at 7:15pm & Fri. at 6:30pm, 1874 Market. 1-800-977-HEAL.

Senior Center

Provides info, referral and assistance to gay and lesbian seniors. Free and confidential services. 360 4th St. 777-3233.

Sex Workers

St. James Infirmary, every Wednesday 6-9pm at City Clinic, 7th and Folsom. Free, non-judgmental health care for sex workers. Men's support group at 7pm on first Wednesday. (415) 554-8494.

Sexual Compulsive Anonymous

One-hour drop-in 12-step meetings for sexually compulsive men and women every Monday, 7:15pm; Tuesday, 6pm; Friday, 6:30pm at The Meeting Place, 1874 Market. For info, www.sca-recovery.org or (800) 977-HEAL.

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic

City Clinic provides free or low cost confidential, comprehensive STD diagnostic and treatment services for anyone 12 years of age or older. The clinic is located at 356 7th Street, between Folsom and Harrison streets and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8am-4pm, Tuesday from 1-6pm, and Thursday from 1-4pm.

Shanti

Provides practical assistance to people living with AIDS. Volunteer training provided. For info on services, call 674-4700; to volunteer, call 674-4722. New location is in the Project Open Hand building, 730 Polk Street, at Ellis.

Southern Alameda HIV Services

Tri-City Health Center provides comprehensive HIV services, with offices in Fremont and Hayward. (510) 713-6670 and 727-9233, respectively. Spanish and Tagalog spoken.

STD Check-ups

Free testing site given by City Clinic, 2nd Thurs. of each month, 8:30-10:30pm. Blow Buddies, 933 Harrison. 863-4323.

Survive AIDS

Self-empowerment for AIDS treatment options. Gen'l mts. Tues, 7:30pm; treatment issues every other Thurs, 7:30pm. 592 Castro. 252-9200.

Transgenderers in Transition

Alternative Family Project's ongoing support group for transgendered and transsexual folk. Thurs, 7:30pm. 425 Divisadero, Suite 203b. 436-9000.

Transitions

Nonprofit consulting service: guidance, referrals and resources for the dying and their caregivers. Call David Cardenas, 664-6975.

Transgender Support Group

Multiracial rap group, every first Monday of month. 6:30pm. Call Adela Holyday, Proyecto ContraSIDA. Por Vida, 864-7278.

Sports Complex

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Other newspaper reports allege that a sale may have already occurred, something that Gomez refused to admit or deny at the hearing.

It's been said that the entire building will be gutted and converted into a private corporation. The offices will possibly be filled with computer servers for a number of dot-com companies, with few employees, and faux-Asian (but not Asian-owned) boutiques or shops on the street-level entrance. George Yamasaki, one of the identified investors in the sale, called for "Japanese-oriented" businesses.

Kintetsu refuses to provide a list of entirely who they will sell – or have sold – to. Among the investors are Yamasaki; Brian Black, a scholar currently living in India; and Tom Esperance, an accountant and

property manager. None of these investors appeared at community hearings and meetings.

GLBT bowlers

Among the 50 speakers were gay and lesbian longtime bowlers.

"The gay and lesbian leagues provide a really important social place outside of bars," said Carol Hull, who wore a fashionable bowling pin necklace. "We also helped distribute over \$200,000 to bowlers and other people with AIDS" through benefits held at Japantown Bowl.

Hull proposed a zoning variance to include recreation as a definition of the property use, something currently lacking in the property's definition. She also put forth the concept of a variance to allow construction to move above or below the bowling alley.

Christopher Johnson, vice president of the Sydney 2002 Gay & Lesbian Bowling League that's training for competition at Gay

Games VI, wore a team T-shirt with bold pink triangles, and mentioned how few leagues in the Bay Area have such a facility. Like others, he questioned Kintetsu's elusive behavior. "Why have the conditions been kept so secretive?"

"We've attracted bowlers from around the world for our tournaments," Johnson said. "I encourage the board to look at this, the last major bowling center in San Francisco."

Like softball, bowling is one of the first organized gay and lesbian sports in the world. Many say it started in San Francisco.

Also in attendance was longtime bowler Miguel Thurman, who noted that GL leagues have already begun to emigrate to other lanes in the Presidio, Serra Bowl in Daly City, and as far away as Pacifica.

The additional problem is that each of these facilities is only a 12-lane alley, while Japantown remains the only 40-lane alley in the entire Bay Area. With almost 30

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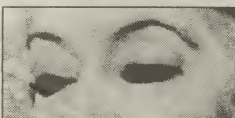
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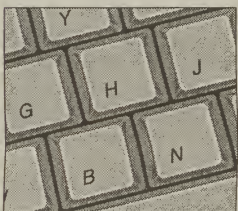
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This business was conducted by: a
individual: Jason J. Thomas
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STATEMENT FILE NO. 241936

The following person(s) are doing business
as EyeBite Productions 3566 17th St.,
Ste. #1, San Francisco, CA 94110. This
business is conducted by a individual
signed Garrett Reg. Lenoir. The
registrant(s) commenced to transact business
under the above listed fictitious business
name or names on: 5/20/00. The statement
was filed with the County Clerk of the City
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07/06/2000.
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STATEMENT FILE NO. 241883

The following person(s) are doing business
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Sundance Saloon; 3. Hoedown 2000, 1314
Noe St., S.F., CA 94131. This business is
conducted by a corporation The Sundance
Association For Country Western Dancing
signed Ingu Yun, President. The
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STATEMENT FILE NO. 242472

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as Perfect Paws Company LLC. 1776 18th
St. San Francisco, CA. 94107. This
business is conducted by a limited liability
company signed David Roos-partner. The
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STATEMENT FILE NO. 313337

In The Superior Court Of The State Of
California In And For The County Of San
Francisco. In the matter of the Application
of Jason Michael White Rejali (minor) by
his father Shahab Mostafav Rejali. For
Change of Name. The application of Jason
Michael White Rejali (minor) for change of
name, having been filed in Court, and it
appearing from said application that Jason
Michael White Rejali has filed an
application proposing that his name be
changed to Jason Michael Rejali. Now
therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed,
that all persons interested in said matter do
appear before this Court in Department
218 on the 28th day of August 2000, at
9:00 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause
why the application for change of name
should not be granted.
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STATEMENT FILE NO. 242126

The following person(s) are doing business
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STATEMENT FILE NO. 313550

In The Superior Court Of The State Of
California In And For The County Of San
Francisco. In the matter of the Application
of Rehab T. Ali and Mohammad T. Ali. For
Change of Name. The application of Rehab
T. Ali and Mohammad T. Ali, having been
filed in Court, and it appearing from said
application that Rehab T. Ali and
Mohamad T. Ali, has filed an application
proposing that his name be changed to
Rogena and Hamoda Abdelhalim. Now
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218 on the 7th day of September 2000, at
9:00 o'clock AM, of said day to show cause
why the application for change of name
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JULY 20, 27 AUG. 3, 10, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO. 313603

In The Superior Court Of The State Of
California In And For The County Of San
Francisco. In the matter of the Application
of Yu, William Wai-Lim; Yu, Darwin Man-
Tik; (minor), Yu, Edmond Cho-Tik (minor).
For Change of Name. The application of
Yu, William Wai-Lim, Yu, Darwin Man-
Tik (minor), Yu, Edmond Cho-Tik (minor),
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Wai-Lim, Yu, Darwin Man-Tik (minor),
Yu, Edmond Cho-Tik (minor), has filed an
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changed to Yee, William Wai-Lim; Yee,
Darwin Man-Tik (minor); Yee, Edmond
Cho-Tik (minor). Now therefore, it is
hereby ordered and directed, that all
persons interested in said matter do appear
before this Court in Department 218 on the
11th day of September 2000, at 9:00
o'clock AM, of said day to show cause why
the application for change of name should
not be granted.
JULY 20, 27 AUG. 3, 10, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO. 241864

The following person(s) are doing business
as Marino's Towing Service, 988 Howard
Street #32, San Francisco, Ca. 94103.
This business is conducted by a individual
signed Carlos Duane. The registrant(s)
commenced to transact business under the
above listed fictitious business name or
names on: 7/03/00. The statement was filed
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of San Francisco, CA on 07/03/2000.
JULY 27, AUG. 3, 10, 17, 2000

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME. FILE NO. 0211427-00

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Guided tour through Hell

'Club Inferno's new-school drag

by Richard Dodds

You can find Hell in Paradise, but only on Sundays. From the folks who brought you *Cyberotica!* comes a rock 'n' roll comedy inspired by Dante's *Inferno* that is playing, with appropriate irony, at the Paradise Lounge on Sundays through October.

Encouraged by a successful preview the day before, *Club Inferno* creators Peter Fogel and Kelly Kittell talked enthusiastically about their new project, a show that takes the audience through the nine circles of Hell that Dante envisioned, but certainly not as Dante populated.

"We're waving the drag flag that started with the Cockettes," said composer-guitarist Fogel. "Old-school drag is dead. We're saying look at these fabulous new queens who really do sing and dance."

In this retelling of the legend, Dante becomes a glam-rock diva (played by musical director Birdie Bob Watt) who dies in a freak stage accident. The poet Virgil (played by Fogel) becomes her guide through the various chambers of Hell as she encounters a star-studded collection of sinners who each have a song to sing.

Here is a Hell that features Connie Champagne as Judy Garland and Karen Carpenter, Leigh Crow as Mama Cass and Lucrezia Borgia, Trauma Flintstone as Jayne Mansfield and Aimee Semple McPherson, Arturo Galster as Joan of Arc and Isadora Duncan, and Kennedy as Marie Antoinette. "Our rule of thumb," Fogel said, explaining the celebrity choices, "is that they had to be dead."

After exploring trannies in cyberspace in *Cyberotica*, Fogel and Kittell decided to bend genders in the afterlife and turned to Dante to provide the framework.

"*Club Inferno* is highbrow art and lowbrow camp," Fogel said.

"It's like a concept album brought to

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Clockwise from left: Arturo Galster as Cleopatra, Peter Fogel as Virgil, Kennedy as Marie Antoinette, and Birdie Bob Watt as Dante in *Club Inferno*

Stage door view

'Starstruck: Photographs from a Fan' at YBC by Robert Julian

With a collection of over 60,000 photographs, it's unlikely even Richard Avedon can surpass the work of Gary Boas for sheer volume. A devoted celebrity hound, Boas began snapping candid shots in the 1960s, and his collection has now resulted in the book *Starstruck* and a photographic exhibition at Yerba Buena Center that opens on August 5.

At the gallery, visitors will be treated to over 600 Instamatic images from the Boas collection, as well as autographed programs and other memorabilia. This wildly eclectic assemblage reflects the unique personality of the gay man who made it happen. Speaking by telephone from his home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Boas tries to connect the dots that may ultimately turn

a celebrity chaser into a celebrity in his own right.

Robert Julian: As a shy kid from Lancaster, where did you get the chutzpah to be such a determined celebrity hound?

Gary Boas: God, boredom. I guess that would be it. I bore quickly. Once I got out of this town, I realized I just wasn't cut out to be here. I really couldn't express myself by staying in Lancaster. When I got out of town, my shyness disappeared.

Did you ever feel your pursuit of photos and autographs was an invasion of privacy for the people you

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Lucille Ball at the Mike Douglas Show, Philadelphia, PA, January 22, 1970



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by Roberto Friedman
and Mother Eraser

The world is made up of star turns and motherly love. We hear from a little filmy bird who was there that filmmaker John Waters' dear sainted mother came visiting the set of his new movie *Cecil B. Demented* on the very same day that star Melanie Griffith's mom — of course, legendary star of Hitchcock's *The Birds* Tippi Hedren — made her setside appearance. You could call it a series of Serial Moms.

Also, this same filmy bird who was there told Out There that when CBD opened earlier this year at the Cannes Film Fest, La Griffith almost got kicked out of her beachfront hotel because of

the — how can we put this delicately? — *exuberance* of her love-making. Hotel guests in adjacent rooms were complaining to management about hooting and hollering all night long.

The new cinematic ride through John Waters' brain, if not Melanie Griffith's sex life, opens in about a week.

Niketown at SFMOMA?

Strolling through *Design Afoot: Athletic Shoes 1995-2000*, now at the SF Museum of Modern Art, does not feel altogether different from wandering through Copland Sports store a few blocks away. The very same athletic shoes are arrayed on the shelves, where we are supposed to admire their good and adventurous design — and give eyeball time to their logos. But running shoes, sportswear and outdoor footwear already have their own museums: they're called Niketown or whatever other consumerist temple you could name.

It's not as if the art museum furnishes explanatory wall text with commentary on the exploitative Third World labor practices of sneaker corps like Nike; this isn't a consciousness-raising exhibit, after all, it's a footwear lovefest. But SFMOMA should be wary of depending on the kindness of corporate sponsors: we've seen how Nike CEO Phil Knight pulled his donations from the U. of Oregon when the university community questioned his labor practices.



Melanie Griffith stars in John Waters' *Cecil B. Demented*

Wait, there is one difference between this design show and a sporting goods store: no one in retail would try to sell you a shoe that's, as per SFMOMA p.r., "both expressive and disciplined, integrated and collaged."

The sneaker show leads into a far more interesting gallery displaying *Experiments*, recent acquisitions from the permanent collection of the museum's Architecture and Design Dept. (both through October 17). It's a large exhibit showcasing contemporary furniture, *objets d'art* and graphic design. For when you're tired of the sports promotions.



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Life in the food chain

When you go to the *Multiple Sensations* show that opens at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts this weekend, don't miss photographer Catherine Chalmers' *Food Chain*, an up-close and personal look at our friends the insects, caterpillars and other lower life forms, as they set about devouring each other. Out There will think twice in the future before telling some stranger to "Bite us!"

Also notable in the exhibit of *Series, Collections, Obsessions* are photos from the archives of star-

stalker Gary Lee Boas (see cover story); and, in a reprise to his photographic exhibition *Full Moon* (at SFMOMA last year), photographer Michael Light's repeating loop of composite still imagery from NASA's moon missions. Through Oct. 22 at YBC, 701 Mission St.

Ship ahoy!

Outsider Enterprises has announced a *New Year's Blow-Out* on the *SS Poseidon* with stars Stella Stevens and Carol Lynley, live at the Castro Theatre, Friday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. We're talking high camp on the high seas. The 1972 hit *The Poseidon Adventure* screens as part of a glittering in-person tribute to two of its stars, Stevens and Lynley. They'll discuss the behind-the-scenes making of this cult classic.

Performances by local luminaries and "special surprise guests" round out the bill as glam-pressario Marc Huestis celebrates five years of his Castro extravaganzas in a dizzying fashion. Partial proceeds benefit PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support).

Nominated for 8 Academy Awards, *The Poseidon Adventure* is the nail-biting tale of 10 seaskippers escaping the bowels of a capsized ocean liner. It features an all-star cast including Shelley Winters, Ernest Borgnine, Pamela Sue Martin, Stevens, and Lynley, who delivers the film's stirring rendition of "The Morning After." The most successful disaster pic of all time, *Poseidon* is filled with absolutely fab fashions, tawdry special effects and some of the campiest moments ever on screen. A *zaftig* Winters "taking a dive" to save flailing Gene Hackman counts as classic!

The *Adventure* represents the crowning achievement in the careers of Lynley and Stevens. Ms. Lynley had her screen debut at the tender age of 14 in the 1958 Disney film *The Light in the Forest*, starring opposite Jessica Tandy. Since then she has made 44 feature films, including such screen gems as *Harlow* (1965), *The Stripper* (1963), *Under the Yum Yum Tree* (1963),

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From *Food Chain: Encounters Between Mates, Predators and Prey*

THEATRE

Touched by the military

Marc Wolf asks, tells in 'Another American'

by Richard Dodds

In the military, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" has also meant, "Don't Discuss." If a soldier, gay or straight, wants to know what his buddy thinks about gays in the military, he has to think twice about drawing attention to himself. Marc Wolf wants to break through that silence, and *Another American: Asking and Telling* is his tool.

"I've had a lot of people in the military come up to me and say, 'Now that I've heard from gay people, I can see the rationale where maybe they should be allowed to serve,'" Wolf said. "And I've had gay people say, 'Hey, it's more complicated than I thought.'"

Three years in development and based on interviews with 200 Americans, *Another American: Asking and Telling* opened in New York last year to positive reviews. One of the people who saw it was Ed Decker, artistic director of the New Conservatory Theatre Center.

"Ed talked to me after the show, and he really wanted me to bring it to San Francisco," Wolf said. "We kept talking it over for a period of months, and he was very persistent. And I knew I wanted to do it in as many places as possible, because it's an election year."

In the one-man play, opening this week at New Conservatory, Wolf portrays 18 men and women whose lives have been touched in some way by the government's policies on gays in the military. "I

started this project," Wolf said, "because, whether the policy is right or wrong, there are stories being buried, and people being silenced."

A variety of criteria went into how Wolf and director Joe Mantello culled the 18 from the 200 people interviewed. "People who were good storytellers ended up in the play," Wolf said, "and people who had specific stories that I thought needed to be told. I interviewed Margaret Cammermeyer and Zoe Dunning, people who were in the media a lot in 1993, but I don't portray them because I felt their stories had been told. What can make it very dramatic are those people who fear being exposed but still have a burning desire to tell their story."

Light work

Before *Another American* took over his life, Wolf, 37, had a traditional acting career. In fact, he helped fund his three years of research from what he saved as a regular on TV's *Guiding Light*. Even then, he wasn't much for the closet.

"When I was in *Guiding Light*, I was in *Party* at the same time," he said. "I just know that for me to be creative artistically and to help in my own small way to change the world will make my life so much more full than any questions about being the closet."

Wolf discovered theater growing up in suburban New Jersey,



Marc Wolf in *Another American: Asking and Telling*

where he appeared in a community theater production of *Godspell* with Tom Cruise. "What do I say? He was very charming," Wolf said.

Wolf, who has been partnered with playwright Robert Westfield for four years, was reluctant to talk about his coming-out process, afraid that it would distract from the message of this play. He did say that it was a slow and difficult

adjustment for his parents, but also that they are now big fans of *Another American*.

Sometimes Wolf wonders why the political mission of this piece has fallen to him. "I wasn't very political, but I did double major in both political science and theater," he said. "But in addition to being so enraged at the government si-

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Down with the ship

'Titanic' tanks in SF

by Richard Dodds

Looking like a weebegone bus-and-truck tour of *Anything Goes*, the Broadway musical *Titanic* has arrived in San Francisco in embarrassingly reduced circumstances. The aggressively bland sets are dirty and wrinkled and flap in the breeze, and yet this is supposed to represent the maiden voyage of the greatest ship the world had ever known.

You can make all the noise you want about how elaborate sets can distract from the show itself, and that's what the advance team was spouting, but some shows obviously need distractions. On its own, *Titanic* is a homogenized bore.

While the second (post-iceberg) act generates some interest thanks to the inherent drama of the situation, it hardly makes up for the dreary exposition that comes before it. Peter Stone's book skitters predictably through a cross section of crew and passen-



Doomed sailors in *Titanic*

gers, and Maury Yeston's songs are little more than musical mush.

Nobody in the cast is very bad and nobody is very good, though there is scant chance for anyone to prove themselves in these shallow waters.

The most memorable moment, albeit it inadvertently so, comes at the climatic conclusion of the first act, as the mighty ship

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'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead'

by Richard Dodds

What a synergistic master-stroke Jonathan Moscone has pulled off at the California Shakespeare Festival. With his appointment as artistic director earlier this year, he made only one change to the previously arranged schedule, but it turns out to be devilishly clever in his execution of it.

Moscone, the son of the late San Francisco mayor, deleted *Titus Andronicus* and replaced it with *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*. Tom Stoppard's maniacally entertaining play is best appreciated with recent exposure to *Hamlet*, the play from which its title characters have been plucked from relative obscurity, and Cal Shakes obliged with a robust and distinctive production of said Dane drama.

Working with the same sets, repainted in harshly contrasting colors, some of the same idiosyncratic costumes, and several of the same actors, Moscone makes a good-natured travesty of Karin Coonrod's staging of *Hamlet*. The new artistic director, who returned to the Bay Area from Dallas, is making his own directorial debut with *R&G*, and it is an auspicious showcase.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern was Tom Stoppard's first full-length play, and it displays his fierce wit along with a playful accessibility that he would shed in such recent works as *Arcadia* and *The Invention of Love*. Stoppard uses his title characters not so much to make commentary on Shakespeare, though the Bard gets tweaked a bit, as much as for commentary on the meaning of life.

In Stoppard's imagination, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern* are waiting for their own Godot. Their place in the universe is defined only by the parameters that Shake-

Sam Catlin and Liam Craig in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*

speare provided for this pair of minor characters, and they crave to understand what lies beyond their limited roles. The humor is abundantly rich in their clumsy quest, but existential conclusions do not encourage a spiritually uplifting take on the human condition.

If *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern* are akin to Beckett's Vladimir and Estragon, there is also something of Laurel and Hardy about them. Neither terribly bright nor terribly brave, they reluctantly but obediently follow the script provided them. Their role, as outlined by Shakespeare and ordered by the usurping King Claudius, is to jolly Hamlet, their former schoolmate, in order to find out what ails him. Bits and pieces of Shakespeare are intertwined with Stoppard, as we see the title characters both in and out of their script roles. A sense of foreboding follows them on their mission, as if they knew what the title of their play holds in store for them.

Sam Catlin and Liam Craig are not only terrific as, respectively,

the bumbling *Rosencrantz* and the intellectually straining *Guildenstern*, they are also adorable. Patrick Kerr wonderfully returns as the hard-bitten Player King from Cal Shakes' production of *Hamlet*. In a brash but successful move, Stacy Ross, who played Ophelia, is now an effective Hamlet, and even mimics some of her predecessor's moves.

R&G is Cal Shakes' first production of a play by a living author, and it is the perfect choice to pierce the all-Shakespeare dogma of recent seasons. Moscone, who has invigorated Cal Shakes as an artistic administrator, has now shown what he can do as a hands-on director. The results are most impressive. ▼

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead will run at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre in Orinda through Aug. 19. Tickets are \$21-\$38. Call (510) 548-9666.

Club Inferno

◀ Arts cover

life," Kittell added.

For the show, Fogel and Kittell have created 14 songs in varied styles but that have their heart in rock music.

"I'm not a show-tune queen at all," said Fogel, who started out in the psychedelic rock band Alien Nation nearly 20 years ago, and was more recently in the band Enrique.

The creation process began with a song title provided by Kittell that would inspire a composition by Fogel and for which both would create the lyrics.

"I would say things like, 'This is Melanie's 'Brand New Key' with Def Leppard,'" said Kittell, who began as a stand-up comic at Valencia Rose before getting interested in musical theater.

Grand illusion

While their own forays into drag have convinced Fogel and Kittell that it is best left to others, they revel in showcasing it on stage. "There is something magical when you put a gender illusionist out there," Fogel said, "because it challenges our stereotypes."

Fogel's fascination with the merger of rock and drag began when his band Enrique performed in *Above and Beyond the Valley of the Ultra Showgirls* at the Transmission Theatre. "It was a quintessential girl-group rock 'n' roll story," Fogel said, "with a live

Arturo Galster, Peter Fogel, Birdie Bob Watt, and Kennedy in *Club Inferno*

band on stage and one real girl and two guys in drag. I just thought that this has to continue."

The result was the Tuck 'n' Roll Players. They produced *Cyberotica!* at the Transmission Theatre, which, despite its name, was actually a cabaret-style rock club. *Club Inferno* is being staged at the adjacent but much smaller Paradise Lounge.

It's a touchy subject with Fogel and Kittell. "The Transmission has gone dot-com," Fogel said, "We wanted to do it at Finnochio's, but they closed. Then we thought of the DNA, but it changed owners. We're trying not to be bitter old queens, but what's happening is very sad. I don't think the city is being very supportive to creative people."

Although the Paradise can seat less than 100, Fogel and Kittell figure the \$12,000 in production

costs will be recovered if an average of 75 show up for each performance. They're hoping a local promoter will see the show and offer them a bigger showcase.

"It's not just about money," Kittell said. "It's also about expression."

"I equate it with having children," Fogel said. "This is our love child."

Once *Club Inferno* is up and running, Fogel and Kittell will start tossing around ideas for a new show. They have no idea what it will be, but, Fogel said, "You can bet it will have drag queens in it." ▼

Club Inferno will have performances at 8 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 29 at the Paradise Lounge. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

FILM

Kings & queens of country music

'Nashville' wide screen at the Castro Theater

by Will Shank

If you took in the *Ho-Down* with Karen Black last month at the Castro Theatre, you were reminded of one of the actress's greatest roles: fictitious country superstar Connie White in *Nashville*. If you missed that event, rush down to the same theater this Saturday and take in Ms. Black, along with the perfect ensemble cast, which includes Ned Beatty, Geraldine Chaplin, Shelley Duvall, Barbara Harris, Michael Murphy and Keenan Wynn in Robert Altman's masterpiece, which was his gift to the U.S. of A. on the eve of its Bicentennial.

The country music community made its contempt for the Hollywood view of their capital clear when the film was released in 1975. Nashville royalty were outraged at the parody of their industry. There were no real singing stars and no familiar tunes, only "faux" versions of both. Many of the film's stars, in fact, wrote their own songs, including Ms. Black, who told the story on stage last month of auditioning for director Altman with her own brilliant ode to the clueless, called "Memphis." ("Well, I'd like to go to Memphis, but I don't know the way... I'd like to start again tomorrow, but I don't know what day it is...")

But the fact is that *Nashville* is only incidentally about a place in Tennessee. Nashville, the city, is just an excuse for a film about America toward the end of the 20th century. It is more specifically about fame and the search for it, mingled with the many neuroses shared by millions of Americans at a particular time in our



Ronee Blakley as Barbara Jean in Robert Altman's *Nashville* (1975).

country's history. Altman himself calls it a film about Washington and political assassination. The rich screenplay, by Altman and Joan Tewkesbury, in fact works on multiple levels, and much of it was ad-libbed by the actors.

American patterns

It is hard to know where to begin to describe the interlocking jigsaw puzzle of characters who populate *Nashville* in a sort of crazy-quilt American ronde. One of the hubs of the many overlapping circles is Keith Carradine's promiscuous Tom, a singer who beds every attractive female char-

acter in the film, and is so addicted to the chase that he repeatedly calls the next girl while the last one is still in his bed. (Carradine also wrote his own songs, winning an Oscar for "I'm Easy.") His interlude with Lily Tomlin, who plays it straight in a touching role as Linnea, the gospel-singing mother of two deaf children, is affecting and unsettling.

Tomlin's fellow *Laugh-In* alum-nus Henry Gibson is cast against type as the diminutive-in-height-only king of country music, Haven Hamilton. But the real star among the ensemble cast is Ronee Blakley as the fragile blossom Barbara Jean,

a beloved songbird who is clearly at the end of her emotional tether.

Some of the more poignant scenes show mankind at its crudest. When the late Gwen Welles, as the naively untalented singer Sueleen ("I Never Get Enough") Gay, is hired to perform for a group of lecherous men, she discovers only after she is on stage that she is there to strip, and not to sing. And Shelley Duvall, as a SoCal goofball, breaks her aged uncle's heart by never quite finding the time between turning tricks to visit her dying aunt in a Nashville hospital.

But most of *Nashville* is staged by Altman with a wink and a sly avuncular fondness for his characters. Along with his other stream-of-consciousness masterpiece of the 1970s, *A Wedding*, the film takes an unflinching but still kind-hearted look at American manners and morals. They are both miles away from his later work, such as the '90s' dark and cynical *The Player*, or the mean-spirited *Short Cuts*. But *Nashville* lives on as the Great American Movie.

The soundtrack has been released for the first time on CD, and a DVD version of the film is now available for its 25th anniversary. ▼

Nashville plays the Castro Theatre this Sat., Aug. 5 at 2:20 & 7:40 p.m., in a double feature with Altman's *M*A*S*H*.

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Return to Peyton Place (1961), *Otto Preminger's Bunny Lake Is Missing* (1965) with Laurence Olivier and Noel Coward, and *The Maltese Bippy* (1969). The ultra-glamorous Stella Stevens was a glittering player in such films as *Li'l Abner* (1959), *The Nutty Professor* (1963), and *Chained Heat* (1983).

Both ladies appeared as center-folds for *Playboy* in the 1960s.

Blad boy

Out There's jaw dropped like everyone else's at the debut of J&B scotch's new ad campaign featuring "Bladdie" the Bladder tout-ing the reduced demand its whiskey puts on your already swollen bladder (12 & 5 oz. of pressure, respectively, for a mug of beer or a glass of wine vs. 1.5 oz. per a good stiff shot). And, says the perky Bladdie, "You don't have to tip that guy in the bathroom for giving you a towel."

Maybe Out There's readers go to the type of places with bathroom attendants, but we doubt it. All we know is, last time some guy reached out to us at the trough, he wasn't trying to hand us a towel.

Anyway, we think this new trend of vital organs as celebrity spokescreatures for the liquor industry is most amusing. We understand the sequel campaign is already in the works: that's the one featuring *Lucy the Liver*. ▼



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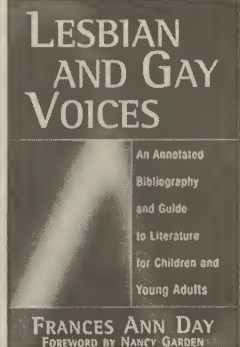
by Deborah Peifer

In the dark and bygone days when I was a "young adult," the closest I came to books about lesbians was wondering just what was up with Nancy Drew's sidekick, George, an athletic young woman with plenty of time for Nancy, and none for boys. Time passed, as it will, I got older, the great lesbian fiction explosion occurred, and masses of gay and lesbian books were written, including books for children and teenagers. The trick now is finding them.

Enter bibliographer Frances Ann Day, whose newest, *Lesbian and Gay Voices: An Annotated Bibliography and Guide to Literature for Children and Young Adults* (Greenwood, \$35), is an extraordinary compilation of books targeted to a younger audience.

Lesbian and Gay Voices is more than just a catch-all list of titles. To start, Day includes only recommended titles, following guidelines which she sets out in the book. She provides enough detail about each book so that adults can make informed choices about which books are just right for the young person in her or his life. As she explains in her introduction, Day also includes titles "written for librarians, educators, parents, and other interested adults... to help adults in their quest to support gay and lesbian youth." This book is designed to be extremely user-friendly. Books can be located by author and title, of course, but also by topic. A resource guide, a bibliography and selected author biographies provide useful and usable information.

The time when any of us had to fear being "the only one" ought to be long past, but for young gays and lesbians, the over-



whelming heterosexuality of most, if not all, of the books they are given to read in school cannot help but make them feel isolated and different from everyone else.

Day explains, "I wrote *Lesbian and Gay Voices* with a love



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for good books, respect for the diversity of all peoples, and hope for the future of young lesbian and gay people. While celebrating the power of stories to heal and transform, I

hope to stir the consciousness of a nation of adults and awaken empathy for young lesbian and gay people everywhere.

"We owe young people and ourselves nothing less than the best possible world we can imagine. Let us take energetic action to get these wise and compassionate books into the hands of young people everywhere."

One place to start would be to buy a copy of this remarkable bibliography and donate it to your local library or school. *Lesbian and Gay Voices* is a gift to readers young and old, one that has the power to change lives for the better.

Revenge is sweet

We all have a breaking point, don't we? There is some moment,

some word, some act that pushes us out of our ordinary response into something more than we ever thought possible. Helen Zahavi's gorgeous novel, *Dirty Weekend* (Cleis, \$14.95), "is the story of Bella, who woke up one morning and realized she'd had enough."

England is full of people who've had enough. "It's what you do about it that really counts. She could have done the decent thing. She could have done what decent people do. She could have filled her gently rounded belly with barbiturates, or flung herself, with gay abandon, from the top of a tower block. They would have thought it sad, but not unseemly."

But our Bella, the hero of this richly satisfying and darkly comic novel, decides to fight back, to stop those who think they can treat her badly, can threaten her, can dismiss her as less than human.

Bella has to be pushed, of course, but when she pushes back, her actions are spectacular. When she decides to annihilate Timmy, her first target, the care she takes to do the job right is a joy to experience. "She felt an overwhelming and inexplicable desire to talk to him, to fill in the gaps, to humanize the one she was about to pulverise. 'Well,' she said brightly. 'This is jolly, isn't it?' Small-talk was not her strength."

Planning is a strength, as is a willingness to take risks to get the job done, and a realization that in a world that requires every individual to be either a butcher or a lamb, she will be a butcher, and a good one.

Dirty Weekend is a wonderful read, funny as hell and truly satisfying. If you've ever fantasized about doing in the one who did you wrong, this is the book for you. Bella is a woman of exceptional courage and transcendent honor. Helen Zahavi has given us a hero for all time. Don't miss *Dirty Weekend*. ▼

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Snap queen

by Robert Julian

Starstruck by Gary Lee Boas;
Dilettante Press, \$27.95

It's rare that any book could be both an embarrassment and an embarrassment of riches, but such is the case with *Starstruck*, Gary Lee Boas' collection of celebrity photographs taken from the mid-'60s to 1980. Boas, a life-long resident of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is out of the benign fan-as-stalker mold. His early fascination with movie stars led the young Boas to pick up his camera and lug a collection of books and fan magazines around with him to theaters, television shows, and premieres, seeking autographs and candid photos of the stars. His collection, which numbers over 60,000 images, was reduced to 500 for publication purposes.

The embarrassing part of the book is how hackneyed and unprofessional the photos are. Lighting and composition are what you

would expect from an obsessed fan working with lousy equipment, existing lighting, and no formal training as a photographer. Many of the photos are so out of focus, it is difficult to recognize the subject, and more than a few display eyes with the glowing red pupils that result from the use of primitive flash cameras. Many images feature the author prominently, either with his arm around a celebrity or just within the same frame as a friend took the shot, literally on the run.

But the flaws of the photographs are part of their charm. Although it's easy to dismiss the book at first glance, leave it lying around and you'll find yourself returning to it often, thumbing through the pages and reading some of the author's reminiscences about the subjects. There is a particularly wonderful and moving tribute from the author to the late Geraldine Page, as well as a couple of very over-the-top images of the actress. Boas also relates the rather bizarre camera-

raderie he developed with a post-Watergate Richard Nixon, and provides a surprising candid shot of Pat Nixon which may be the only time the woman ever appeared joyously happy and relaxed on camera.

Interesting group shots of fellow autograph hounds in New York are accompanied by an explanatory text which acknowledges just how weird these people were. Boas, who is gay, readily describes himself as equally weird, but his observations about the relative naiveté of the '60s and '70s ring true. Boas and his accomplices were not trying to make a fast buck or humiliate anyone for a tabloid publication, they were fans who just wanted to be close to someone famous and bask in the reflected glory. Michael Musto provides an introduction to this collection of photographs, but the images speak for themselves. Strangely compelling and off-center, *Starstruck* is one of the year's most unusual releases. ▼



Elizabeth Taylor with Gary Boas at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, Virginia.

Starstruck

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pursued?

No, not at the time. And it's funny how the people I met back in the '70s who are still around now, get ignored. Now it's so different, if you're just a fan, you can't even get a photo these days. Now it's called stalking, but in the '60s and '70s it was known as waiting.

Who was the most beautiful celebrity you ever met, male or female?

Putting my own sexual desires aside? Well, you see a Brad Pitt and he's such a beauty, Matthew Caulfield is beautiful. John Eric Hexum was so beautiful, and so nice. There was like a sense of mourning among photographers when he died because he was so nice and so beautiful. Nicolette Sheridan, as far as women go, I saw her with no makeup and she was absolutely stunning. Priscilla Presley is also beautiful, her facial structure is so great it's hard to take a bad picture. The same is true of Linda Evans.

Who was the nicest?

Currently, James Woods is one of the nicest people. He makes you feel like you've known him all your life. In the past, the celebrities had a different aura because of the way they were trained by the studios. Ann Miller still carries herself that way, you feel that sense of glamour. Of the old guard, they were all pretty nice unless they're having a bad day or you caught them at the wrong

moment. Jack Lemmon was always nice in the past, but now he's a bastard.

Who was the rudest to you?

There were three: Jerry Lewis, Alan Alda, and Shirley Temple. Jerry Lewis told me to go fuck myself; Alan Alda always says, "I don't know you and you don't know me, you just know what I do on screen, so I don't owe you anything." Shirley Temple was honored at the Kennedy Center Honors a few years back, and I was working as a press photographer — the PR people treat me well there. The word on the street was that she was behaving badly with everyone. In the press line, she just looked weird. She had fur on her face and it was protruding from beneath her pancake makeup. She had your basic five o'clock shadow, pumped up hair, and a really dated dress. She didn't seem right in the head.

On the second night, when they had the honors, I went down and she was leaving the party after the telecast. I grabbed a program for her to sign. She was walking toward the coat room, and I asked her, "Mrs. Black, would you please sign my program?" She said, "I don't do that." She walked by me, and I ran all the way across the building for my camera. When I got back, she was just putting her coat on, talking to Betty Comden, Adolph Green, Lauren Bacall, and Chita Rivera — all of whom I knew. I started talking to Chita, and then I turned around and asked Mrs. Black for a photo, and she said, "No, you're tired." I said, "You know what I'm tired of? I'm tired of you saying 'no.'" She and

her husband and I had a five-minute verbal fight about it.

Now that you have the book *Starstruck*, and a public exhibition of your photos here in San Francisco — one that covers over 30 years — how does it all come together for you? What do these photos mean to you now?

I took them for granted, and they sat on a shelf for 30 years. At first when the gallery business

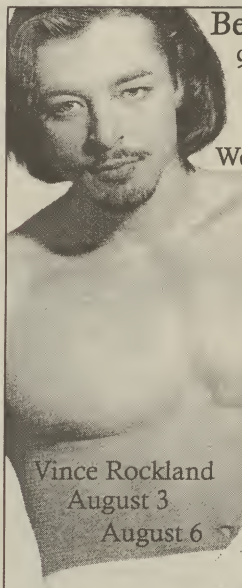
came up, I was opposed to it. I didn't take these photos for a paycheck, and I knew nothing about the art world. I fought them right up to the last moment, then when I saw the exhibition, I was so impressed with what they did. Watching people at the exhibit, some people were crying, others were grabbing friends and dragging them over. Everyone left in such an up mood. The show creates emotional responses in people like nothing else. It makes me feel great that something I created as a kid is causing this sort of reaction now. ▼

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Titanic

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hits the towering iceberg. To suggest this awesome calamity, a tiny model ship, barely visible over the lip of the stage, is pulled across an empty stage. That's it. You'd think at least that someone would toss an ice cube at the little toy boat.

It reminded me of the scene in *This Is Spinal Tap* when the ridiculous heavy metal band must make do with a baby version of the epic Stonehenge set they thought they had ordered. Of course, in the movie, it was meant to be funny.

There's nothing funny about

the fact that *Titanic* won Tony Awards for best musical and best score. It speaks not to the quality of *Titanic* but to sorry state of the musical theater — at least as produced on Broadway.

Stewart Laing also won a Tony for his set, which may have been fabulous on Broadway. That his name is still associated with the amateurish and unattractive designs on stage at the Orpheum seems like grounds for a recall vote. ▼

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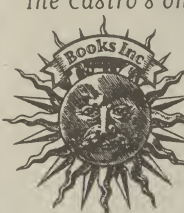
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Ballet under the stars

Valley of the Moon Festival of Perf. Arts

by Aimée Ts'ao

I'm not quite sure how he manages to seem to be everywhere at the same time. Besides filling the shoes of Ballet Master of the San Francisco Opera Ballet, Lawrence Pech is Artistic Director of his own troupe, the Lawrence Pech Dance Company. In addition to choreographing and dancing, he is in his second year of producing the Valley of the Moon Performing Arts Festival. Pech explained how he came to add this last summer treat.

"My partner and I bought five acres in Glen Ellen five years ago, cleared the land, built a house and moved in three years ago. But I still commute into San Francisco six days a week, so I would love to be able to work up here and get out of my car. There are a lot of jazz and music festivals in the summer at different wineries, but no dance. Two years ago we were going to start the Valley of the Moon Festival of the Performing Arts at Jack London State Park. Mountain Play brought *Hello Dolly* there that year, and Wendy Van Dyck, who co-founded the Lawrence Pech Dance Company with me in 1995, and I appeared in the production, dancing my choreography. We did it for free in exchange for administrative help in getting the festival going. Unfortunately, my board of directors decided we didn't have enough money and canceled it.

"I was determined, however, that next year it was going to happen," said Pech. "I went up and down the Valley of the Moon to 23 wineries, all dressed up, pushing press packets and giving my spiel, being a whore for the arts. A lot of people got very excited, but it was the *Little Red Hen* analogy. Everyone wanted to eat the bread, but no one wanted to help bake it. Bartholomew Park Winery seemed the most interested and



Wendy Van Dyck, Lawrence Pech, Kathryn Petak, and Michael Kruchich in *Appalachian Spring*, at the Valley of the Moon Arts Festival

the most appropriate venue, as they understood what I was trying to do. They weren't ready to sponsor us, but they gave us space. And this year we will be performing there again. It's really quite an experience, being out of doors, looking over Sonoma Valley, surrounded by nature under the stars.

"My neighbor, Summer Lee Rhatigan, who dances with Lines Contemporary Ballet and the San Francisco Opera Ballet, and I both want to start an educational component of the Festival that would offer summer intensive courses in dance and music for teens, to enrich their lives and provide a means of keeping them busy and out of trouble. So the opening night is a fundraiser to generate money to produce the workshops next summer."

In keeping with his commitment to presenting top quality dance with live musical accompaniment, Pech's choices for the programming of the Valley of the Moon Festival look pretty impressive, running the gamut from Handel and Stravinsky to a commissioned score by Cindy Cox,

and Ira and George Gershwin's "Embraceable You." Choreography created by Ginger Thatcher, SF Ballet's Julia Adam and Pech will be danced by a group with excellent credentials, having appeared with such companies as San Francisco Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Smuin Ballets/SF and Lines Contemporary Ballet. The roster of musicians includes soprano Estelle Kruger, pianist Michael Schroeder and the popular fusion ensemble Bogo.

What a perfect way to end a day of wine-tasting or hiking in Sonoma. "People who attended the festival last year are still thanking us for bringing great dance and music to the Valley," says Pech. ▼

Valley of the Moon Festival of the Performing Arts Sat. & Sun., August 5-6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$15-35; pre-performance reception Sat., 6 p.m., \$75 includes reception, VIP seating for performance and post-performance meeting with the performers. Call 392-4400.

Marc Wolf

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lencing a community of people, I thought this issue raised so many questions about where the gay movement is and what we want America to be as a society."

What helped give Wolf the final push to redirect his career came when he played the historical figure Peter Bergson in a play called *The Pariah*. During World War II, Bergson tried to stir the American Jewish community about what was happening to their European brethren.

"The American Jews were being told, don't make too much noise or else you'll stir up anti-Semitism," Wolf said. "What I learned when I was playing that character was that whatever the rationales may be for being quiet,

when you're quiet, you give people the chance to stereotype you, to label you."

For Wolf, *Another American* is about breaking down stereotypes, not just of gays, but of the military mindset as well.

"Because of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' there was such a polarization," Wolf said. "By introducing these people I've discovered, I hope audiences can explore the issue with a fresh eye. And because the audience knows that what I am saying comes verbatim from the actual tapes, there is something raw and honest about. It's very exposed." ▼

Another American: Asking and Telling will run at the New Conservatory Theatre through Aug. 20. Tickets are \$20 and \$25. Call 861-8972.

TELEVISION

Grand old parties

by Victoria A. Brownworth

The Republicans are in the City of Brotherly Love, Kathie Lee Gifford has left ABC after 15 years on the *Morning Show* with Regis Philbin, OJ Simpson is back doing Internet pay-per-view interviews, and Newt Gingrich is doing the talk shows as an elder statesman. This is as close to the plagues of Egypt as we like to get.

Speaking of scary TV, CBS's *Big Brother* has to be the most disturbing interactive experience since Eddie Murphy gave himself a virtual blowjob in *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps*. As all America knows, whether they want to or not, Will/Mega was first to be banished from the Compound, but banishment just put him in front of different cameras — he's been on every talk show in the Western Hemisphere since he got tossed out. This unfortunately has given him a forum for his particularly creepy brand of encoded hate speech. A follower of Khalid Mohammed (the homophobic, anti-Semitic guy second in command in the Nation of Islam until he became too fascist for Louis Farrakhan) and a member of the New Black Panther Party (the ones who march around with loaded machine guns and whose political message has nothing in common with the Black Panther Party we remember), Will/Mega compared himself to Jesus in numerous interviews.

In the Compound, Will/Mega spent most of his time fucking with the heads of his fellow housemates, turning Brittany into his personal little multi-pierced Piggy on this televised *Lord of the Flies*, and putting the other African-American housemate, the Zenned-out Cassandra, a UN liaison in real life, on the spot by demanding black solidarity from her even when she thought he was behaving like a total ass. In interviews, Will/Mega revealed he had deliberately antagonized his housemates on racial and gender issues, and threw the weekly challenge, which meant the other housemates had less money for food.

Torture chambers

The news about Will/Mega post-banishment reveals a lot about the "concept" behind the *Big Brother* show, which we have said all along was predicated on torture techniques (it's certainly torture to watch). The producers want as much conflagration as possible — and as week four in the Compound draws to a close, some housemates seem to be crying more than anything else.

The queer element of the show may be voted off tonight — Jordan, the only admitted bisexual (though Jamie seems to spend a lot of time in the arms of Brittany) is up for banishment a second time. Also targeted: the totally innocuous Curtis, the smartest housemate and only Asian. Jordan dressed in drag king mode (she was even packing some rolled-up undies) for the episode in which the banishment announcements were made. She looks good as a sleazy guy (Mario was her drag name; she insisted this was the real Jordan), but her self-absorption has become so dizzyingly tedious that we voted twice this time — against her.

We were somewhat intrigued that all the boys let club kid Brittany dress them up in drag with lipstick, glitter, wigs and nail polish. George's kids must be mortified back in Kansas. We think he

deserves a good sport award.

Big Brother proves one thing to us: Most people are incredibly tedious. We have yet to hear a single substantive conversation out of the Compound. Thus far, only Will/Mega's constant race-baiting and Jordan's discourse on her bisexual desires have proved compelling. Predictably, Jordan has pursued not Brittany, for whom she has an intense attraction, but the boy-toy Josh, who couldn't be duller and isn't even that cute.

The most interesting person in the household is Karen, who's going to have a complete breakdown any day now. Torn between her need to mother and her desire to break out of her mothering role, she spends lots of time crying, smoking and revealing other people's secrets. She might have been happier on *Survivor* cooking rats. This torture treatment, which we think of as prison with primary colors, makes eating

larvae look appetizing.

Speaking of larvae, OJ and Newt Gingrich are back, slithering around spouting absurdities on the morning shows. Katie Couric wore a moue of distaste on her normally perky face as she asked OJ how the search for his ex-wife's killers was going. OJ asserted he was getting new leads every day and had high hopes the killers would be brought to justice. Talk about pathological.

Speaking of pathological, we are always amazed at how the slimiest politicians in America get consecrated elder statesmen. First Richard Nixon, now Newt Gingrich. Gingrich, who still speaks of himself in the plural (though he was looking a little porcine, so perhaps he was merely referring to his chins), hasn't changed his perspective on much, though he did say Bill Clinton shouldn't be prosecuted when he leaves office. The nation wants to move on, and impeachment has

blackened Clinton's name in the history books, and that's all that matters, said the Newt. He did give Clinton credit for being "the best American politician since FDR," but had nothing flattering to say about Hillary, deeming her not nearly as smart as Clinton and incapable of beating Lazio in the Senate race. Given Gingrich's track record on such predictions, we hope this means Mrs. Clinton will win by a landslide.

When asked how his own liaison with an intern differed from the Lewinsky scandal, Gingrich noted he never lied under oath. (And of course, he also knows what the definition of is.)

Speaking of slimy politicians, we were appalled by Dubya's choice of Dick Cheney (though at least with someone named Dick, one cannot feign surprise when one gets screwed) as running mate. We loved Bill Maher's line about Cheney: "If he were any more boring, he could be on *Big Brother*." We're sure there are those more right-wing than Cheney whom Dubya might have chosen, but we think they're all ei-

ther on the Supreme Court or in militia groups.

Speaking of militia groups, times is gettin' tough on *Survivor* island. Jenna finally got the ax (what a whiner), and Richard looks ripe for this week's kill (pride goeth before a fall). Now, we love Rich and how he just wanders around with his equipment flopping in the breeze (Rudy, our favorite survivor, said in his raspy voice, "When I go home and my wife asks me who I spent time with here, I'll have to say this queer guy who went around bare-assed naked half the time"), but he's gotten a little too arrogant — a bad thing when people are hungry and crabby. Just because he brings in all the fish doesn't mean he has immunity. And his little coalition is dissolving. Rudy may still be loyal to him, but Susan and Kelly are shifting allegiances. (Rudy thought perhaps Colleen, Kelly and Jenna were forming a lesbian alliance, but then decided they were too stupid.)

We can't understand how the incredibly annoying Colleen and

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Leathery fun in the sun

by Mister Marcus

Mr. Nature looked kindly on us leather queers last Sunday, July 30. The day dawned grayish and misty, but soon the sun burst forth to bathe Dore Alley in brilliant radiance. Leather-clad people by the thousands turned out, along with their admirers. As usual some men got naked, and as usual they were the ones who really should have kept their leather on, while some of the guys who did keep their leather garb in place would have looked stunning stark naked.

Mobs of people circulated around the dozens of vendor booths selling everything from digital portraits to weak vodka drinks. A lot of boot-clad men made their way off the crowded street onto the patio of Stomper's Boots, where the gracious Mike and Frank hosted a party at which all had a stompin' good time.

Meanwhile, in the alley, the fair went on, and on, and on... It was a wonderful leathery weekend and, I dare say, the locals as well as the visitors had a wonderful time. If they didn't, it was their own darn fault. Well, maybe it was somebody else's fault. Take, for instance, the nasty attitude of a certain Powerhouse Bar door-man who seemed drunk with power, a guy named "Buck" who knew as much about San Francisco leather people as a British school girl does. Worse, some freak (or freaks) had the audacity to bang into brand new BMW of Int'l. Mr. Leather 96 Joe Gallagher, knocking it over and damaging it to the tune of some \$4,000. Witnesses please report details to this columnist ASAP.

Drummers ahoy!

Friday night, July 29, only two men, Arthur Mainster and Keith Truitt, entered the SF Leather Daddy contest held in the Eagle patio. Judges Alan Selby, Jason Ladd, Philip Turner, Steve Gaynes and Mr. English put the two contestants through the paces with tough questions, after which the two gave short speeches. The place was packed to the rafters and the audience exploded in applause when it was announced that Keith Truitt had been named to the title.



Rod Wood, left, of Guerneville, California was chosen Mr. Northern California Drummer 2000, while with Terry Gauchat of San Francisco was named Northern California Drummer Boy 2000. It all happened last Saturday, July 29 at the Sound Factory. Both will compete at the Int'l. Mr. Drummer Competition in Florida in September.

The flash bulbs popped and handshakes all around. How sweet it is!

Keith has an outstanding track record in this community as an activist dealing with fund raising and volunteerism. Inspired by the late Int'l. Mr. Leather 1985

Patrick Toner while still living in Chicago, Keith Truitt moved to San Francisco and hasn't stopped volunteering since then. The next year with the title, Keith will no doubt leave an outstanding legacy for others to emulate.

No contest is complete without some entertainment, which in this case was provided by the ubiquitous and ever-delightful Chablis, who candidly admitted she can't sing, but who made an effort worthy of Peggy Lee. Then Donna Sachet plopped her red butt on the lap of outgoing SF Leather Daddy XVII André English and crooned a "Daddy's" ditty, delighting the crowd no end. Finally the dynamic duo of T.J. Istvan and Sheba belted out a duet after both singing songs in tribute to André. The crowd went wild.

Still more Drummers

Still more Drummer business took place the next afternoon at the Sound Factory on First and

Harrison, when the leather-clad faithful converged for the Northern California Mr. Drummer and Drummer Boy contests.

The opening number grabbed everyone's attention, and was as leathery as you could get — four bare-chested hunks in a sequence with Omar Moseley and Donna Sachet (in silver and mirrors) wielding whips that crackled throughout the place like a weekend at Inferno! I wish Guy Baldwin could have been there to see Donna and Omar make those whips talk!

As the emcee, Tony Mills was right on, as always.

Judges Bauke Ylstra, Fraser Picard, Ray Perea, Omar Moseley, Beth Downey, Dean Carrico and Lance Gear unleashed a barrage of questions at the interviewees, including Mr. Drummer contenders Nig Sheldbi and Rod Wood, as well as at the Drummer Boy hopefuls, Brett Latin and Terry Gauchat. Their scored fantasies were well-received.

While the scores were being tallied, the sensational Jo Carol took control of the crowd with some great upbeat songs that had everyone jumping — not unlike the scene in Chicago in May at Int'l. Mr. Leather when even the "old guard" was swaying to the music.

No, he wasn't contending to be Mr. Drummer, but our very own

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EVENTURES IN LEATHER

August 1-6

MSC Amsterdam celebrate their 30th anniversary all week with leather events galore. Congratulations to everyone involved. Be at the Argos!

Thursday, August 3

Bingo night at Metropolitan Community Church in the Castro.

Open house at Bay Area Young Positives (BAYP) at 518 Waller St., beginning at 1800. Meet the volunteers who help everyone under 26 cope with any problems they may encounter. Click on: www.baypositives.org.

Weekend August 4-6:

"Thunder in the Mountains" leather weekend in Denver, with Mr. Rocky Mountain Leather, workshops, panels, play parties, fun, and all the usual suspects. Click on: www.thunderinthemountains.com

The LOBOC MC weekend run to Silverwood Lake in San Bernardino National Forest.

In Vancouver, British Columbia, it's the Mr. Canadian Drummer Contest.

Market Days on North Halsted, Chicago's answer to Dore Alley and Folsom Street East, with two days

of games, food, booze, men, booths, and men.

Friday, August 4:

Chestmen of America present Tits & Pecs Party at the Powerhouse, with \$1 Foster's Draft if you're shirtless. Free clothes/shirt check all night.

Saturday, August 5:

San Franciscans MC host Daniel's Day Drive, ride and picnic in Golden Gate Park for a free chuckwagon picnic; biker fee is \$12.

Over at Daddy's, "Mama" is hosting a fundraiser from 1600-1900, with a raffle, auction, entertainment, and a \$7 beer/soda bust to finance the Leather Pride Walk 2000 expenses.

Wednesday, August 6:

Flow freely! It's Golden Shower Buddies at 933 Harrison; you know the rules. No one stays dry! Doors open 2000-2300. Call 863-HEAD.

Weekend August 11-13:

Defenders & Knights of Malta MC host joint weekend run to Saratoga Springs; the price is now \$140 for 72 hours of food, booze, shenanigans and fun galore.

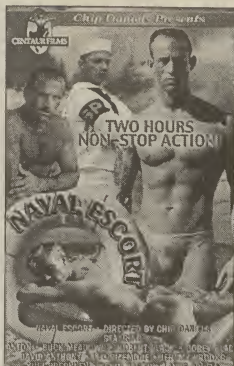
Sex first. Repeat.

by John F. Karr

As a performer, Chip Daniels was noted for his lecherous abandon. When he became a director, he was generally able to inspire similarly gutsy action from his cast members. Yet although his competently made, glossy features consistently delivered the sexy goods, they grew evermore dependent on plot and production values. Recently, however, while on location in Europe, Chip became a personal friend and student of famed French pornographer Jean-Daniel Cadinot, whom he described in a newsletter as "an all-time directing idol." The men forged an alliance in both business and art. With Cadinot generously sharing his filmmaking secrets, Chip's filmmaking technique was greatly influenced. The result is *Naval Escort*, which, says Chip, "puts sex first, then the storyline second, for the first time."

So what's Chip's idea of a simplified storyline? *Naval Escort* opens with traumatic drama: for being gay, young Anton is thrown out of his home by an unforgiving father. The homeless boy is preyed upon by the pimp/owner of an all-male "resort," and put to work servicing the clientele. Anton's boyfriend, Navy boy Buck Henry, goes AWOL to save the lad, and then undercover, fucking his way into the club's employ. The pair of Military Police who've been dispatched to arrest Buck infiltrate the joint by posing as homosexuals — oh, the acts they are forced to commit in the line of duty!

But Anton is having tons of fun as a whore, and doesn't want to be rescued. He rejects poor Buck, who is dragged off by the MPs — one of whom promptly reveals he's actually gay and has loved Buck from afar all along. So there's a happy ending. The disowned Anton finds a new home in whoredom, Buck's stint in the jailhouse for going AWOL is softened by a guard who proffers a love more constant than he's known



before, and everybody — pimps, paying customers, whores, and MPs (everybody but Anton's father, it seems) — has sex in such a myriad of combinations that it's fairly hard to keep track of it all.

Thank you for asking, but that's how Chip puts plot in second place. It's a lesson he learned from his mentor, Cadinot, whose

Street Boyz, you'll recall, had a plot something like this: hitchhiker gets picked up, has sex with driver. Repeat five or six times. In Cadinot, whose hitchhikers cum and go without emotional stakes or personal information to weigh them down, the action is driven by lust. But in Daniels, the action is driven by a series of emotional upheavals and reversals of fortunes which occur too quickly to be assimilated, much less believed. Chip would like to jettison narrative, but he's afraid; he's only shortchanged it, not supplanted it.

Pushing buttons

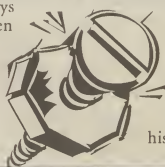
Even so, Chip is right in one way. However extensive, his plot remains secondary to the sex. *Naval Escort* has ten sex scenes in just under one and three quarter hours, and pushes a rich assortment of major buttons. There are daddies and twinks, smooth and furry, cut and uncut; there are groups, slings, glory holes, and

those Chip Daniels specialties: lots of open butt play with a positive frenzy of fingerbanging, plus dildo action, you bet.

Young Anton is amazing: although Chip assures us he's legal, he looks to be on the cotton candy side of 13. He's a beautiful Nordic cherub, with slashing cheekbones, ice blue eyes and glacially blonde hair. His dewy asshole twinkles in the wildflower bed of his satiny ass like Glinda's bubble. He's angelic, vulnerable, innocent — and fucks like hell. He's paired with a variety of players, the most impressive being Yuri, a Russian bruiser with a gangster's ruggedly handsome mug, a bodybuilder's bosomy pecs, and a bulbous-headed cock. I loved the scene at the patio glory hole (and isn't that a peculiarly South Florida sort of gay architecture: the patio glory hole) in which Yuri's fat cock and bulging balls swell through a hole so small it chokes him off like a cock ring.

And I'm particularly taken with brunet Kevin Bailes, a newcomer. As he lies back in a sling, entranced with his own hard-on, he plays perfect host to a swell assortment of dildos. The cast also includes a skinny kid with a skinny kid's proverbial big dick that cums in a gusher, a humpy surfer dude, a massively hung Puerto Rican, a bit of street trade, and a gold-chained bedecked macho-braggart sort. As well as the famously nasty Buck Henry.

Yet although Chip has endeavored to put this raunchy cast's sex first, what actually takes precedence is his editing, which intrudes constantly upon the otherwise sensational sex. While Cadinot likes to keep his sex scenes dancing, he at least allows them to unfold. Chip's *Naval Escort*, on the other hand, can be a jerky jitterbug. Too many of its sex scenes have little continuity, bumpy pace and abrupt endings. As incident piles up — This! and This! and also That! — initially intense scenes unravel. Lack of restraint was becoming when Chip was a performer. But as a filmmaker, it seems like he's been seduced by the tricks he can play with his editing toys. Hey, Chip — less is more. (www.Centaur-films.com) ▼



Karnal Knowledge

Mister Marcus

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Supervisor Mark Leno wowed the crowd at the competition when he appeared in tight black-leather pants and a white t-shirt. He avoided any mention of politics, preferring instead to just soak in the scene, and let eyes feast on him. Even out-of-towners were impressed!

Just before the winners were named, the new Executive Producer of the Int'l. Mr. Drummer & Boy contests, Mike Zuhl of Pittsburgh, stepped up to say a few words about the contest coming in September, and to award a beautiful crystal plaque to Philip Turner, welcoming him to the Drummer family.

Then an Unsung Hero Award was read aloud, lauding Philip Turner's best supporter, friend, confidante and gofer — Rod McKim. The unsuspecting Rod was holding up the beautifully framed citation without even knowing that he was the recipient. Tears flowed like wine throughout the place! Bravo, ROT-ney (Philip's name of endearment).

Finally, Tim Wong, the world's best tally master, delivered the

judges' decision to the stage, whereupon Tony Mills announced that Rod Wood is Mr. Russian River Drummer 2000) and Terry Gauchat San Francisco Drummer Boy. Bedlam in the house.

The duo will carry the banner for Northern California at the International Mr. Drummer finals in September in Florida.

It was a first-class production that came off without a glitch, and nobody could be happier than Bob Brunson, Jeff Tucker and all the volunteers who outdid themselves and it really showed. Not in many moons have I seen a finer afternoon of leather.

Lavender Tube

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the card-playing Gervase still haven't been kicked off. And why hasn't Susan made a play for Kelly yet? All the signs are there. (Kelly needs to stay on the island as long as possible. It seems she has a few outstanding warrants stateside for fraud and theft, according to *Extra*, which obtained the documents.)

Speaking of frauds, last week, *Politically Incorrect* served up ex-

gays for their Friday night special. These ex-gays lie so much they make OJ look honest. Two ex-gays went up against RuPaul in boy drag and filmmaker Jamie Babbit. RuPaul and Babbit were fabulous, the ex-gays were creepy, and Bill Maher once again proved himself the most interesting talk show host on TV. Ex-gay to RuPaul: "Well, if anytime in the next few years you change your mind about being gay, you come try us." Maher: "Oh right! We'll call that the Hell-Freezes-Over Tour." ▼

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Alison Wright in *An You Can't Make Me* at Theatre Artaud

AfroSolo August

For seven lucky years now, the **AfroSolo Theatre Company** has been heating up the month of August with their "**AfroSolo Arts Festival**," by now a much-anticipated event and one significantly contributing to the explosion of diverse, multicultural art now occurring in San Francisco.

As artists with a commitment to social justice, AfroSolo organizers makes a point of starting off their festival with a free public forum devoted to pressing community issues. They also structure an impressive day of free workshops aimed at giving struggling artists insights into fundraising and business organization, helping them to gain a surer footing in an otherwise slippery business. Finally come programs of music, theater, spoken-word, and visual arts, reflecting AfroSolo founder Thomas Robert Simpson's commitment to showcasing the best African American talents in the Bay Area.

This year's festival launches on Saturday morning, August 5, at the Center for African and African American Art and Culture (762 Fulton St.) with a free community forum on the topic: "**Black Artists on AIDS II: Joy in the Morning**." The keynote speaker will be Doretha Williams-Flournoy, director of the AIDS Project of the East Bay, and panelists from several other public-health agencies will then discuss and debate the issues at hand.

Presenters include poet/musician Avotcja, who will perform "Somebody is Missing," an uplifting work paying homage to those who have succumbed to AIDS, and photographer Duane J. Cramer, who will present powerful images of members of the Black Congressional Congress, as well as of prominent entertainers, who have consistently fought against HIV/AIDS and for the welfare of those afflicted with the illness, which has heavily impacted the arts community in general and African American artists in particular.

A visual arts exhibition has been installed at Genevieve Gallery in Z Space Studio (1360 Mission St.), featuring works by Tabetta Cameron, Duane Cramer, Keina Davis, Michael Ross and Malik Seneferu, curated by Kareema Morrison and Simpson.

After a series of workshops on August 12 at Z Space Studio, the festival kicks into high gear with the AfroSolo Young Artists taking a turn in the spotlight, also at Z Space. Veteran performers take their turn beginning on August 23 at Theatre Artaud, when composer/bassist Marcus Shelby displays his virtuoso musical skills, followed by performance artists including Alison Wright, who will be turning in a biographical study of Gladys Bentley, a cross-dressing blues icon of the Harlem Renaissance.

The festival concludes on August 26 with gospel, jazz, and spirituals performed in grand style by Mavis Staples and Paula West at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theatre. ▼

Tickets for performances range from \$5-\$25. Festival packages are \$50. For further information, contact AfroSolo Arts Festival at (415) 771-AFRO (2876) or visit the Web at www.afrosolo.org

Fri 4

Yerba Buena Center

Opening party: "Multiple Sensations," projects exploring seriality, collecting, and obsessions. Featuring works by Michael Light ("Drift"), Catherine Chalmers ("Food Chain"), Wenyon and Gamble ("Bibliomancy"), and, from the amateur photographic archives of Gary Lee Boas, "Starstruck: Photographs from a Fan," thousands of candid snapshots of celebrities and nearly forgotten cult personalities, taken 1966-1980 with pre-paparazzi innocence. Lots more. \$12 (free for members). 8-11pm. Galleries, Grand Lobby, Screening Room and Forum, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St. Info: 978-ARTS; www.yerbabuenaarts.org

Victoria Theatre

Killing My Lobster, the SF sketch-comedy collective, present six nights of sketches, musical numbers, stand-up, and live, in-your-face X-treme chess. New material ranges from the absurd to the tawdry and back. Backstage melodrama, in-fighting, and cruel truths about life on the comedy circuit unfold before your eyes. "It ain't all pretty," warn the Lobsters. \$12-\$15 sliding. 8pm. Thru Aug. 13. 2961 16th St. (near Mission). 267-0642; www.ticketweb.com; www.killingmylobster.com

Lone Star Saloon

Men of All Colors Together (MACT) hold their general membership meeting and monthly chat night. Topic: "American Intolerance." Free. 7-9pm. 1354 Harrison St. (at 10th St.), 2nd floor. 675-0201.

Theater Artaud

"San Francisco Butoh Festival," featuring Koichi Tamano and Shinichi Koga. \$20/\$24. 8pm Also on Aug. 6 (w/Koichi Tamano and Leigh Evans). 45- Florida At. 437-2700.

KALW (91.7 FM)

Outright Radio broadcasts "Queer Queers," in which producer Joan Schuman talks with two women who defy all assumptions about what it means to be queer. Part of the weekly half-hour series "Uncommon Stories from Queer Folks." 7:30pm. Info: (800) 655-KUSP; www.OutrightRadio.org

Cocomo

Flambe Lounge, a pre-Burning Man 2000 party, presents "2 heART (attack)," featuring previews of installations and performances, including dance by Kunst Stoff, Pepe Ozan's Yoni Portal to the Organs of the MAN from the 5th opera, "Thar-Tours of Atlan," Foo Fiber Optic Oddity, a fire-performance enclave, a drum collective, video fest, and DJs inside and out. 8pm-2am. 650 Indiana (at Mariposa off 3rd St., btwn 18th & 19th St.). Info: (415) TO-FLAME; www.burningman.com

177 Townsend

Page Hodel spins house and hip-hop at "Club Q," a dance party for women of all colors the first Friday of each month. Featuring a fierce dance performance by the Club Q Dancers \$10. 9pm-3am.

The Endup

Fay presents the return of "Drag Fridays," with a special appearance by Phatima. Rolo, Ruben Mancias, and Blackstone spin the house. Doors open 10pm. 21+w/D. 401 6th St. (at Harrison). 263-4850.

The Stud

"iChulal!" presented by SF's longest-running women's dance club, Colors, the first Friday of each month. With DJs Chili D, Sin Frontera, and Chata Gutierrez (KP00) serving up hot flavors of old school and R&B, salsa & merengue, cumbia, Latin house, and Latin reggae. \$7. 9pm-3am. 21+w/D. 399 9th St. (at Harrison).

Sat

New Conservatory Theatre Center

Opening night: *Another American: Asking & Telling*, written by and starring Marc Wolf, directed by Tony Award-winning director Joe Mantello (Love! Velour! Compassion!). Distilled from more than 200 interviews conducted with members of the military culture, including gay and lesbian officers and veterans, the play takes the audience on a national tour of sexual politics, the American military, sanctioned discrimination, and its human fallout. \$25 (\$20 Thur. & Sun.). 8pm (2pm Sun. matinee). 25 Van Ness Ave. 861-8972.

Theatre Rhinoceros

The Cutting Ball Theater presents "The End of the World As We Know It," a double-bill of apocalyptic plays: *Hamlet-machine* by Heiner Müller, written in East Germany before the fall of the Berlin wall, in which a torn intellectual named Hamlet reflects on the nightmare of the 20th century ("My thoughts are lesions in my brain. My brain is a scar. I want to be a machine. Arms for grabbing. Legs to walk on. No pain no thoughts."); and *Mayakovsky: A Tragedy* by Russian futurist poet and playwright Vladimir Mayakovsky, who takes us into a seedy, surreal city populated by misfit creatures with names like The Thousand Year Old Man, The Enormous Woman Perhaps Twenty Feet Tall, and The Woman With One Arm and One Leg. \$12-\$20 sliding. 8pm. Thru Aug. 20. 2926 16th St. Info/tix: 861-5079.

A Different Light

Gay Artists & Writers Collective (GAWK) celebrate their 15th anniversary. With founder Jon Sugar as master of ceremonies. Free. 2pm. 489 Castro St. 431-0891.

Asia SF

"iAzucar!" dance party featuring DJs ZA (Olé, Long Beach) and The Specialist spinning the best in Spanish, hip-hop and house. Featuring RMM Records official CD release party for Michael Stuart (first 75 people receive free full-length CD). 10pm-3am. 21+w/D. 675-9763.

Sun

Paradise Lounge

The Tuck & Roll Players ("Cyberotica") present "Club Inferno," a rock 'n' roll drag revue created and produced by Peter Fogel and Kelly Kite. Starring Connie Champagne, Arturo Gaister, Leigh Crow, Trauma Flintstone, Kennedy, Peter Fogel, and Birdie-Bob Watt. The show opens with megastar Danté singing her smash hit, "I Want My Fifteen Minutes of Fame," when her number is cut short by a tragic accident. She wakes up at the Gates of Hell where she is greeted by poet Virgil. From there she meets Xaron, Cleopatra, Karen Carpenter, Mamma Cass, Lucrezia Borgia, and Judy Garland. Will Danté ever find her way back to the world of the living? \$15. 8pm. 308 11th St. 621-1911.

Sigmund Stern Grove

Stern Grove Festival presents the San Francisco Ballet performing highlights from the 2000 Season, including works from George Balanchine, William Forsythe, Hans van Manen, and Mark Morris. A family affair. Arrive early to claim a picnic spot. Free. 2pm. 19th Ave. at Sloat Blvd. Info: 252-6252; www.sterngrove.org

New Conservatory Theatre Center

Special panel discussion on the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, immediately following the 2pm matinee performance of Marc Wolf's *Another American: Asking and Telling*. Aaron Belkin, assistant professor of political science UC Santa Barbara, leads the discussion with Wolf, Zoe Dunning (the only known openly gay member of the U.S. military), and Robert Maccoun, professor of law at UC Berkeley. The panel is included in the \$20 ticket price to the matinee. 25 Van Ness Ave. 861-8972.

1015 Folsom

Gus presents "Mass," the big T-Dance ritual's 4th anniversary party, with DJ Phil B. \$20. 6pm-midnight.

The Endup

Sunday T-Dance with DJs Jason Hayes, Jorge Martinez, Larry Reed, John Howard, Ruben Mancias, David Harness, Blackstone, and Charlotte "The Baroness." Doors open 6am. 21+w/D. 401 6th St. (at Harrison). 357-2854.

Mon

Piaf's

QComedy.com presents "Gay Comedy Showcase" hosted by Karen Ripley, with Blake, Heather Gold, Michelle Collins, Erin Souza, Mike Spiegelman, David Kleinberg, Nick Leonard, and Bridget Schwartz. \$5. 8pm. 1686 Market St. (at Gough). 541-5610.



Robert Moses dances "Lone" at ODC Theatre. See Thursday.



The Killing My Lobster gang raise a ruckus at Victoria Theater. See Friday.

Paradise Lounge

"Tongue'n Cheek Mondays," a queer rock 'n' roll venue featuring DJ Don Baird (Hole in the Wall; Eagle), plus a live set by queer metalheads Sparrows Point. No cover. 6pm. 308 11th. 621-1911.

Tue 8

Theatre Rhinoceros

"Make It So" Productions presents Viva Variety X, aiming to deliver "the very best in gay and 'gay-friendly' entertainment." Hosted by Steve Murray. Starring VV regular and performance artist Peggy L'Esq; The Mudds (a satire on the Judds) by Matthew and Mary Martin; silent comedian Robb Zeiser; dancer Stephen Pelton from The Stephen Pelton Dance Theatre; chanteuse Connie Champagne; world-fusion musicians Bogo (featuring harpist Boris Goldmund); vocalist Mary Martin; writer/actor/director Danny Scheie; the return of vaudevillians The Barry Sisters (aka Matthew's Martin and Simmons); and comedian Scott Silverman. A benefit for the Breast Cancer Fund in association with Swim SF 2000. \$15. 8pm. 2926 16th St. (at S. Van Ness). Reservations: 863-0741, ext. #2.

Wed 9

New Conservatory Theatre Center

Opening night: *The Fitting Room*, written and directed by Kathryn McCarty, a peek inside a ladies dressing room in a voyeuristic and comic perspective on the search for meaning, truth, and the perfect pair of jeans. Featuring the Galettean Players. \$15. 8pm (5pm & 9pm Sat.; 2pm Sun.). 25 Van Ness Ave. 861-8972.

Eureka Theatre

Preview: 42nd Street Moon presents another "lost musical," the U.S. premiere of "The Good Companions," Johnny Mercer and André Previn's 1974 musical, created from JB Priestley's beloved novel. Set in Europe during the Great Depression, the story follows a troupe of British music-hall entertainers as they travel the British Isles. The score includes songs such as "Stagestruck," "The Pleasure of Your Company," and "Darkest Before the Dawn." Featuring Don Cima, Alison Ayler, Bill Fahrner, and Marsha (Ward) Lanzo. \$13 previews (including Thur., Aug. 10); \$25 Fri., Sat., Sun.; \$19 seniors/students. Thru Aug. 27. 215 Jackson St. (at Battery). Info/tix: 788-1125; www.42ndStMoon.com

A Different Light

Drew Campbell reads from *The Bride Wore Black Leather*. How do you introduce your slave to your mother? How can a butch lesbian get proper service in the men's department? Answers to these and other burning questions. Free. 7:30pm.

Thu 10

A Different Light

Billy Clift reads from *Everything's Going to Be Just Fine: The Ramblings of a Mad Hairdresser*, a tale of enlightenment in modern day Hollywood. In 1984, Billy became hair and makeup artist for Elizabeth Montgomery, aka Samantha Stevens of *Bewitched* fame. For 11 years they maintained a close personal friendship, until her tragic death of colon cancer in 1995. Little did Billy know this death would catalyze a profound journey, a journey that would change his perception of reality. Free. 7:30pm.

ODC Theater

ODC artist-in-residence Robert Moses unveils his new work, "Lone," departing from his usual large ensemble format to explore "a lone self." Influenced by the lives and experiences of Galeleo, John Brown, and Mohammed Ali, among others, Moses consid-

ers their commitment to a moral, spiritual path. \$12. 8pm. Thru Aug. 17. 3153 17th St. (at Shotwell). 863-9834; www.ticketweb.com; www.odcdance.org/theater

New Conservatory Theatre Center

Preview: *Visiting Mr. Green* by Jeff Baron, starring Dean Goodman and Aaron Brace. An elderly man and a young, gay executive are thrown together by chance and must learn to relate with one another. Tonight only is "Pay As You Wish Community Night." Regular prices are \$15-\$25 (\$13-\$23 w/subscription). 8pm (2pm Sun.). 25 Van Ness Ave. 861-8972.

Crucible Steel Gallery

Opening reception: "101 Uses for a . . ." an exhibition of sculptures, mobiles, mixed media paintings and installations by Bay Area artists Karen Theisen, Karen Kirchoff, Kris Mills, Leigh Marecek, Yarrow Lutz, and Margaret Herscher. They explore issues of identity, social constructs, and personal history. Free. 6-8pm. 2050 Bryant St. (btwn. 18th & 19th sts.). 648-7562.

SFMOMA

Ongoing exhibition: "Cremaster 2," the latest installment in Matthew Barney's series of cinematic "operas," traces the rise and fall of antihero Gary Gilmore — convicted killer and alleged grandson of Harry Houdini. Barney's film and related installations are populated with bees, bison, heavy-metal drummers, magicians, mediums and much more. \$9 (\$6 seniors; \$5 students); half-price Thursdays 6-9pm. Open daily (except Wed.) 11am-6pm. 151 Third St. 357-4000.

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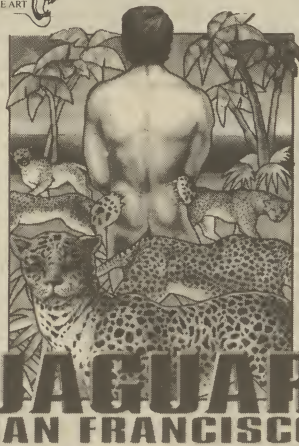
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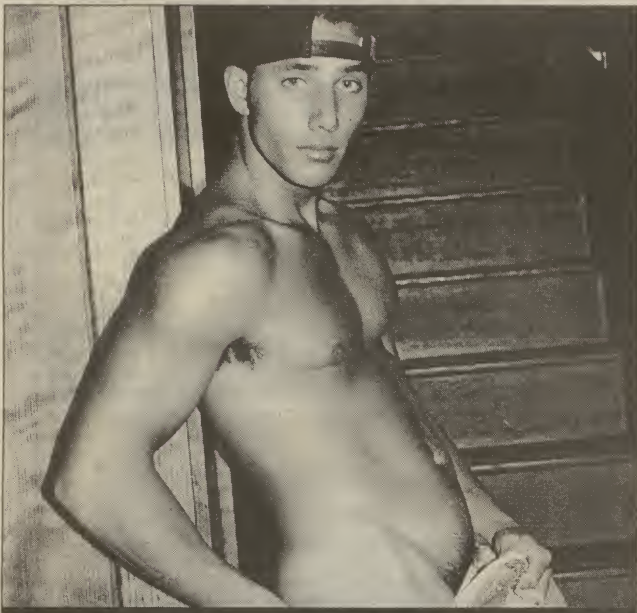


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PARTING GLANCES

Christopher From Wash. DC
Midnight Sun. I was mean and am deeply sorry you didn't deserve that. May I take you to dinner? Second chance? Sincerely Tom. ☎ 72105

L. Taraval 11:30pm Sat. 6/24
NYPD T on W Portal off 15th Ave, stood mid door smiling at me. Regret not getting off with you! Me SF leather cap, green vest. Was it fate? Pls. call. ☎ 72107

Rake's Progress & Parsifal
#24 Divisadero, Fri. 6/16, we talked about those operas. Now I've seen both. Would love to talk with you more. Opera chat is my primary goal. Steve ☎ 72109

Embarcadero Bart Wed 6/21 Aft.
Also on wind, all star & 42 line. You-sexy BM, s/p beard. Loved checking out you hot, smooth chest. Show me more! Let's play! Me-tall, dk hr & goatee. ☎ 72110

Davies Radiology, Late April
Chatted w/you while partner was getting x-rayed. Had good conversation about treatment. Partner now deceased, would like to reconnect with you. ☎ 72133

Pride SF 2000 Rt. Broken Arm John
Sexy!! We had a very nice hello! I want to sign your cast!!! Let's continue where we left off! Wanna dance? Troy. ☎ 72106

Bernal Heights 6/19 At Night
We met in Bernal Heights, talked... is there any chance we can talk more? Please call. ☎ 72111

Blond Larry At Twin Peaks
Via Chicago/LA/ Guerneville. I think you're pretty swell. Like to get to know you. ☎ 72112

United Wash Dulles Flight Sat.
Cute boy in khakis- we should have talked. Call me. The attraction was mutual. ☎ 72131

Wow! Dark Beard On Sanchez St.
June 28 Wednesday, around 8:30pm I was walking my dog. I have short hair and mustache. You dark beard walked into building @ Sanchez & Market. ☎ 72132

P.J. Lambert Konichiwa?
I hope to meet you again someday, Amen. ☎ 72151

Gay Cherokee Indian Wants Love
5'8", 145lbs. long dark hair, love Charles Ely, Michael Lucas, & Mike Crews. Want to rub my deal against yours. Send photo & email. Want to make love to all. ☎ 72134

RRR Pool 7/8-7/9
You: dark; blue/orange suit. Me: shorter, ragged blue shorts, red cap. We waved at each other. I was kicking myself for not managing more. Hoping for another chance. Please call. ☎ 72149

Hey Billy Budd
Cafe Flore, 7/9. Do you believe life has a happier ending than in books? Dinner? Movie? ☎ 72150

MSQ Early Mornings
"Morning." You bearded, great eyes, beautiful smile. Like to know you better. Dinner? MCG ☎ 72182

Eros, Sat July 8
Your hot blond stud. Me: tall dark handsome. We played then met in locker room. Talked briefly, but too shy to ask for number. "Let's hook up again!" ☎ 72153

Metreon Fri 6/30 Firewood Cafe
Phil, I showed you where the car was parked after we introduced ourselves. Thanks for picking me out of the crowd. It would be a dream come true to meet you for lunch again. -Kent ☎ 72154

Sun 7/16/00 Muni/ West Portal
You: cutey w/yellow shirt, handkerchief around neck, glasses, shorts, writing on pad. Me: Asian, older couldn't stop staring. "Let's talk!" ☎ 72203

Sniff PLT, Etc.
Who made those great stencils? I'd like to talk to you. ☎ 72155

Rick-Solstice Party 6/16
We met under full moon at house on 14th St. Me: Rob from Ukiah. You left to find your partner Doug(?) before exchanging phone nos. Would love to reconnect. ☎ 72156

Joel P. French Canadian Mom
Miss you. Parisian angel network. ☎ 72181

Union City Bart-Gay Pride Sun.
Around 11:40am. We noticed each other near the ticket machines. You're Caucasian, 20's, dark hair and eyes, with some friends. I was in shorts and t-shirt. Your train to SF left before I reached the platform. You're very handsome. Please call. ☎ 72108

Scott- Long Star- July 2nd
We met & spoke briefly. Wanted to connect, but got busy with friends. Would love to get together for fireworks or?? Frank. ☎ 72183

Bagdad Cafe You Eating Alone!
7/20 11:30pm. I had dark hair sitting across from you. To shy to smile until I left. You tan boots, left in jeep. "Desert?" ☎ 72202

Mark, We Shared Vege Table In
Chinatown. Let's continue the conversation. Let's eat in DC. ☎ 72152

Dave, Sun 7/23 Tower Records..
You helped me find Linda Eder in vocals. You bought mamma cass. We talked and you liked my accent. I'd love to go further, Date? Please call! ☎ 72204

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Are You Ready For Fun?
GWM 31, 5'8", ISO good looking in-shape dark hair & eyes, tattooed looking to meet other fun young hip guys for friendship or more. ☎ 72113

Two Guys Looking For 3rd
Would like to meet versatile top (35-50) with hankering for ltr as a threesome. Dads: 50, 150w, lightly muscled. 51. Boy: 61, 160w, trim, 38. Both HIV+. ☎ 72114

First Time Cock Sucker
Masculine WM 57 French passive experience only. Seeking senior 70-75 to practice cocksucking on if you're cut still hard. Possible weekly visits if we're compatible. ☎ 72116

GWM Sks Black Male 45+ Older
I'm seeking to meet black male for dating. Me: GWM, 44, 5'11", 175#, br/gr, slender, prof. European. Like to meet, prof. easy going, attr. man for good times. Call me. ☎ 72117

GAM ISO Friend
Mature GAM seeks friendship and more. I'm 40/140/5'8", educated, professional. No overweights please. ☎ 72118

GWM 36, 5'10" 175lbs, Healthy
Humorous seeks down to earth GWM in his 30's for ltr. Clean shaven, clean cut, in-shape guys only. ☎ 72136

Pisces Want Scorpio Only
GWM, 48, 5'10" 175lbs, uncut bottom bald virgin (Pisces), seeks GWM Scorpio top 30-50y/o. I will do all for you! ☎ 72184

"Seeking Matured Man!"
I like mature men late 50's to 60's, weight proportioned to height who would enjoy being serviced periodically. No reciprocal necessary. Must have your own place. Let's get together. ☎ 72138

Asian ISO White Male
Asian male, 36, 145lbs, 5'7", attractive, built, smooth, fun, down to earth. In search of WM in their 30's smooth, tight & lean for friends, date and more. ☎ 72157

GWM Net To Union City Seeks GWM
Sex is important, but so is kissing, cuddling, sense of humor, and spontaneity. Me 55, 5'11", 175. US 30-45, sincere, honest, open to possibilities. I'm ready. ☎ 72158

Young Handsome Russian!
Looking for other intelligent Russians or Europeans under 40y/o, to give my body and soul. No disappointment guaranteed. ☎ 72208

Asian
Young, goodlooking, GAM, 52yo, slim, 5'7", is looking for an older GWM for possible relationship. Like: quiet times, cooking, traveling. No smoking. ☎ 72159

Attractive Latino
Good looking Latino 35yo/ dark hair, brown eyes, goatee, professional looking for GWM 27-40yo/ for friendship or more. Like: dining out, hiking, hiking, travel and more. ☎ 72160

"Blond, Beefy Oh Beau!"
Beefy Cal Ripken type, hairy top, fortysomething, 6'2", 190, blond professional wanted by attractive, masculine, Afro-American, caramel brown, goatee, Virginian, 40, 5'11", 170, writer into jazz, romance, fidelity and cuddling. ☎ 72161

"GWM Professional, Moving To S.F."
In near future. Seeks friends for fun and dating. I have a fetish for nylon tights/pantyhose. Not into cross-dressing. Very sensual. Love outdoors, bicycling, walks, and am a movie geer. Have two manx cats. ☎ 72155

- Seeking Mr. Not Perfect! -
GAM 31yrs with goatee and good, honest, personality seeks fun, interesting, jovial person to share walks on beach, movies and intimate dinners. ☎ 72211

Handsome/Creative/Professional
Sexy intense, passionate, worldly, hung-mostly top 5'10", 170, br, gr, 37 HIV neg. seeks masculine, focused, hung or very hot ass'd men for secure, loving and fun ltr. ☎ 72163

Life Is Very Short Lets Discover
Each other. Attractive Japanese artist seeks GWM 55+ (over) for ltr, possible monogamous. I am 40, 5'8", 135# slim/athletic, HIV- seeks honest sincere romantic, sense of humor, grey hair/little chubby A+. ☎ 72164

Bright Eyes, Easy Smile
Handsome GWM (Italian) 54, 5'10", 195 w/br, stable, honest, affectionate ISO monogamous life partner (friends first, safe sex later), who is happy, enthusiastic, energetic, HIV-, n/s. Walnut Creek area. ☎ 72165

Heart & Soul Hunk. Amen!
Friendly, unpretentious, quick-witted, young-looking 41, 6'1", 175#, br/gr, clean-shaven, Dutch background, HIV publishing entrepreneur, cook, own flat, hike, swim, sunset cocktail, nude massage. Artistic sensibility. Well-endowed in more ways than one. ☎ 72166

The Pisces Looking For A Scorpio
GWM 48yo, 6' uncut bottom bald virgin 175lb, looking for WGM top scorpio only for friendship and more 30-50yo. I'll do all for you, scorpio just fuck me! ☎ 72167

-Love Is In The Air-
My heart is open, 36 HIV+ attractive healthy. Positive attitude, spiritual. Looking for HIV+ male, any race, 25 to 37yr old masculine, athletic, attractive top. Emotionally available, affectionate, loving for friendship ltr. ☎ 72137

Looking For A Man To Love
I am 5'11", 180, 57, good shape, handsome, s&p hair, hazel eyes, mustache, HIV-, looking for a serious man, 40-55, interested in a relationship. Serious only. ☎ 72168

As Long As You Love Me...
I don't care who you are, where your coming from... Nice Brazilian, masc, 36y, 5'7", 142lbs, hard sex uncult, looking for GWM or Latino, under 40. Hard love is waiting. ☎ 72213

Mature Magic In The East Bay
Mature GWM in Oakland, 5'9", 155, HIV-, looking for GWM, GAM, GLM, 40 to 60yrs., in good health, and good-shape, for good times, safe sex and solid relationship. ☎ 72186

Slowly But Surely
GWM, 40, 5'11", 175lbs, fun, sincere, affectionate, fit, seeking friendship, relationship and then sexual intimacy with 35-45 year old honest, sincere non-smoker (n/s, n/alcohol) male. Like movies, dinners, yoga, hiking, biking, dancing. ☎ 72205

Poz Brawn And Brains
Handsome prof. Italian GWM, shaved, goatee, 5'10", 46ch 32w, 17a, HIV+, macho hunky; not into jumping, bed hopping; seeking to meet other good looking down to earth guys for friendship and possible more. Let's talk and see what happens. ☎ 72115

Handsome Italian
40, 6'2", 185lbs, into fitness, travel, romance and quiet times, seeks another HIV- negative well hung man who is honest and sincere for monogamous relationship. ☎ 72206

-GWM ISO GWM Sweetheart-
Who's affectionate, warm & humorous, HIV-, 32-46, enjoys outdoors, movies, dining out, kissing & cuddling. Me: GWM, HIV-, a young 42, 5'9", 175lbs., br/vblue. ☎ 72207

Single, San, Sober, Sensuous...
GWM, 48, 185lbs, uncut, c&s, hairy, balding, versatile. Skg any age for dating and/or playing/regular sex. Very sexual, sane, and sensuous! ☎ 72209

Older Gentleman Seeks Younger
Attr. GWM, 76, 5'7", 165lbs., seeks a loving-sexual friendship, poss. ltr, with a serious 18-45 man. Let's do the Folsom and Castro St.Fair together! ☎ 72210

R U Ready?
To meet a great guy? 42yo GWM, 6'3", 200lbs professional seeks 35 to 45yo top. Interests include music, dining out & enjoying the good life. HIV- only please. Lv. msg. ☎ 72162

"Any Gay Magic Players?"
New to area. Prof. GWM 32, non-smoker, ISO friends, companion and ltr. Let's explore the city together. Enjoy movies, walks on beach, playing collectible card games... ☎ 72212

2 Intense For One Man
WLM a couple between 30 & 50 hairy, slender to well built tops or versatile. Me 6'3", 45 look 40, 215w, masculine, blue collar mus/van dyke versatile & affectionate! HIV-! ☎ 72214

GAM 48 Seeks GWM 55 Or Over
For LTR. Prefer non smoker & clean shaven. ☎ 72185

Sexy Package Sks Covering Material
Sometimes emotional, always nurturing, intense sex appeal to others, absolute bedroom eyes, shy when most important but internally confident, 5'8", 29, 155, dark featured, Scorpio, favorable package. Turn on: deep-minded, witty, & calm-natured. ☎ 72215

SEEKING ADVENTURE

Just Shut Up And Ride
WM 35 5'10", 195lb blond/blue muscle hunk wants to meet hot masculine men to jerk. Also love to get massaged and jerked off- anytime. ☎ 72119

Scorpio Boy Handsome Athletic
Me: 35, 5'11", 175w brn hair & eyes cleaned shaved, smooth chest, kissing & touching. Very important. You be 40-45 good shape hairy/chest. A+. No smokers or drugs HIV- myself, you be too! ☎ 72218

All Nite Sexy Uninhibited Party
Wanted sexy guys w/b to share my girlnut secret. Maybe be my part time nasty boyfriend! B/W/M/M discreet 5'10", 185 attr shaved 31yo love to pose for camera. ☎ 72120

Jackbtt Seeks Mr. Right Top
White thoroughbred (40's 6'180" hunky swimmer's build) desires ebony stallion (macho/muscular) for long distance, hard, wild rides. No saddle needed! ☎ 72121

GWM Seeks Ongoing Sex Buddy
Who likes mirrors, oil, cockswallow, light bondage, shaving jockstraps, verbal nasty. You under 45 GWM, GWM, trim fit, bottom and top, muscular + no scat, HIV, sm or fens. ☎ 72122

Buttfucker Wanted
ISO top, 35 & under, GWM, masc, 6'4". Me: submissive bottom, GAM, 5'9", 160, 35, gdlr, straight acting, into t, dildos. ☎ 72123

Handsome Muscular Hung Bottom
Is looking for good looking hung top or versatile guys for hot sex. I'm deep throat and hot ass. Tall is a plus. Can't wait to sit on it. ☎ 72124

Heavyset Men
WM 44, 6', 160lbs, dark hr & eyes. I'm attracted to heavy set men with large guts who enjoy oral pleasure & sensual times. Not into gay scene or drugs. ☎ 72125

Flip Flop Sex
GWM 52, 6'2", 180lb., HIV+, 7 1/2" tool. Don't call if you are bottom only. I believe that you should give as well as you get. Just sex- not your fantasy about sex. ☎ 72139

"Spank Me!"
Cute frat boy 23 needs over the knee discipline from a dominant big brother 18-35. Castro ☎ 72140

- Exhibitionist? -
Walking around naked get you stiff? Enjoy showing off? Posing? Being admired, stroked? Handsome GWM, mid 40's tall and slim, enjoys watching and sketching muscular gay, bi, and str8 dudes (25-50) undress and strut their stuff. ☎ 72141

Discreet Oral Relief
Very attractive, WM, 41/6/175, fit, hairy, HIVneg, single, ISO WM who loves to get head in S.F. Ub honest, HIVneg, and hung. Looking to spoil someone. No reciprocation necessary. ☎ 72142

Man To Man Pleasure
GWM, 36, HIV+, brown, hzl, 6'1", 175, bottom, seeks, HIV+ tops 40-50, must have good humor, enjoy life, enjoy the outdoors, like showing himself with others. ☎ 72143

Seeking Hot Hung Thick Daddy
Handsome, sexy 37 Btk. Need to please a real man. Will do what's told, am excellent btm/man. ☎ 72144

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Seeking A Sugar Daddy

ISO a mature man who wants the company/companion of a 31yr old stud. I'm sincere, responsible and well educated. 5'8", 160lbs., smooth, muscular, brown hr/ goatee. 721272

Beautiful Latin Seeks Asian

Me: 24, 6ft, 160, beautiful face & body, intelligent, friendly. I'm seeking a generous, sensual Asian man to get together with on a regular basis. 721273

I'm Looking To Keep Up My

Language practice. Intense French Romantic GWM 30's desires French boyfriend. Charming, wild, magical. Not into "tricky French games". How can we meet? 721287

Black And White XXX Fun & Sex

SWM 47, 5'11" 175 masculine goodlooking with a big thick tool seeks hunky Black men for j/v, videos, buttpplay, nude beaches and baths. Me HIV+ versatile bottom. Palo Alto. 721292

ISO Large Men

Very Sexy 70yrs needs heavyweights over 250# for hot sex. I'm 6' 165# 6 1/2" uncut bald, bearded into any scene. Aroma a plus. 721288

Oral Excellence

Friendly 49er has opening for 1-2 good men for cock service. Hot mouth, deep throat soothe aching balls, restore serenity! Big cock essential, in shape, facial hair A+. 721289

Tough Guys Wanted To Rumble

Skinheads, leathermen, wrestlers, boxers, fight clubbers wanted by 5'8", 140# hairy muscled skinhead for barefisted no-rules, fights for top in private SF ring. Dukes up and ready, man! 721290

ISO Ass Or Ball Specialist

I am 5'2", 120 HIV- 58yr. Very clean, need someone experience in ass play fl/or expert with ball abuse. You be willing to come to Sacramento, stay at my place if you like, I love sucking cock. Serious only. 721293

Slave Wanted

San Jose master looking for skinny, hung slaves for long bondage and cbl sessions. Must be willing and obedient. 721271

23yr. Blond/Brown Smooth White

Male, very fun to be with, enjoyable relaxing time, looking for adventure. 721294

Black On Top, Brown On Bottom

Penetrating Black top man, 46, seeks a masculine, mature Hispanic male who enjoys receiving a hot back door pounding. Chunky build, dark hair and-moustache A+. "Serious!!!!" 721226

I Need To Lick Boots!

Older guy seeks hunks into this scene, will lick, polish, even clean heel & sole with my tongue. Transport me to ecstasy. 721237

Hey Nipple Fans!

You'll like mine. Fleishy with standup ceners. This senior likes to be them twisted, sucked etc. What are yours like? Mutual cocksucking too! 721219

Thick Tool

GWM, 5'7", loves chugging nipples, and giving lots of rim. Mornings or early afternoon. Older a big plus. 722220

Son Seeks Submissive Dad

WM 44, masculine, hairy top, seeks older businessman, masculine, in-shape, deep throat into spanking dad, role playing A+. 722221

Palo Alto GAM 42-5'11" 185

Has two holes, needs cock for drilling & filling take your pick, no reciprocation, ub 36yo to 49. 721291

Daddy Seeks Son

Very discreet clean and classy 50y.o. man desires the company of a cute intelligent young cub for fun, frolic and more. 722222

LESBIAN**DBF Seeks Loyal PWM Slave**

I demand your attention, and total devotion. Serious only need apply. On your knees before me, that's where you belong! 722223

FETISHES**Chubby? Sticky? Got A Belly?**

Trim chaser/encourager seeks 20-38yo guy with healthy appetite. Let me feed you and build your belly. Forget fit, I like you fat. 721227

Dominant Latino Seeks Slave

24yo beautiful Latino top seeks generous slave for a discreet relationship. I'm incredibly intelligent & intuitive. Let's talk. 721275

I'm A Sucker For Your Big Ones

Because the bigger your loads the better my cocksucking that brought them forth! Give your tool/balls a treat they'll remember. You know you guys want it! 24/7 service available. 721246

Erotic Rope Bondage

Bondage top, GWM, 42, 5'8", 155, good-looking, HIV-, seeks masculine in-shape submissive bottom, 21-45, for erotic bondage, gags, toys. Discipline, light sm negotiable. Safe, trustworthy. SF/ East Bay. 721278

Voyeurs...

Exhibitionist, 40, 6'3", 185, br/br muscular, very masculine, hairy, huge cock, seeks men who love to watch a man pleasure himself. I'm into it, you be too. Older/ big men ok. 721274

Middle Age, Hung And Horny

Black man needs a 5 minute blow job before work (7a.m.) or before bed (11p.m.). Husky build and moustache (but no other facial hair) a plus. Oakland area. Serious only. 721276

Feet Sheer Socks Anyone Out There?

Attractive Latino 33, 5'11", 190, size 12 shoe dark features, Virgo. Would like to meet Whites, Latinos, Asians, into same fetish under 40 non smokers only. No games. 721277

Daytime Asshole-Eater!!

Get your asshole eaten by a pro!! 721279

Blk Sub Seeks Top Dom Top +

Raunch, kink, sleaze +. Avail wkend some eve. 721226

Mature Manpusy Needed

Well-hung uncut BM wants very experience mature man (50+) for serious plovings at your place. Looking for intense ball draining pleasure. S.F. and East Bay only. Aroma a plus. 721280

Instructor Needed

To teach slim, mid-aged, 5'8", beard, moustache, balding daddy type how to overcome the gag reflex. (Optional Teeth). Want to be able to take on the big ones. 721295

Seeking Nipple Workout Buddy

45yr old, 190lb nipple pig brn, bmt, s&p goatee, tat's, piercings, smoker. Looking for dominant muscular & masculine nipple pig buddy for heavy nipple workouts. Studs who smoke + + + + Call!!! 721296

Gainer?

GWM 48, 6'2", 185, n/s. I would like to meet a gainer or a fat man comfortable with his size who likes to be admired. Big tits A+. 721228

Gourmet Service Now 24/7!

Here's great news for your tool when that 4am hard on just won't lie back down, my special load-enhancing cocksucking service now available non stop around calendar clock! 721245

Full Service Toilet Slave

Needed. Must be obedient, hungry, and thirsty. May train nasty-minded novices. Prefer young and clean cut, (like me) but not mandatory orders may be enforced with belt or paddle. 721297

Pig Hole Punch Fest

23yo top seeks bottom who love their holes punched and made deeper. Let's get those lips big and saggy. Facial hair A+. In SF only. 722224

Horse Hung Guy Seeks Others

Very goodlooking BM, 30, 5'11", clean-cut/shaven, muscular 190lbs, hung 10", seeks horse hung guy, any age/ weight/ age for hot fun! All answered. 722225

"18 To 26 Yr Old Black Cock!"

Desired for occasional sucking by good looking young, hung, WM. I dream of being on my knees for your beautiful, hard, Black, meal. I'll be your slave. Squirt on me. 722226

Daddy Wanted For A Diaper Boy

I am 38, 6', 195 brown hair, hazel eyes into being diapered, spanked and threatened like your son. Ltr preferred. You over 45. 722227

Contest Closes Labor Day Nite!

Quick let me earn your smile for Bay Area's gold medal olympic cocksucker. You'll shoot like there's no tomorrow. Nothing to lose but that bigger than usual load!! 721247

Discipline

Dad 60, wants subs on going training, Discipline and service. 721298

COUPLES**Dad, Late 40s & Boy, Late 30s**

ISO other good looking couple & flexible tops, 35-50. Boy takes all oral & anal action. Tops must be into mutual rimming & sucking with other dads. Poss. ltr. HIV+ 721229

Derby, England, Professional

Gay male couple, age 50/51, young outlook, straight acting/ looking, non smokers, wish to correspond with similar, platonc. 721299

OTHERS**Got Friends?**

I'm new to San Francisco, looking to meet friends for dinner, movies, dancing, explore the city, weekend excursions, whatever? Looking for guys in their 30's (like me) or late 20's. 721230

"For Gentlemen Only!"...

This senior specializes in pleasing an assertive, dominant bossy man who gets what he wants. Private, discreet. In S.F. 721248

For A Special Man...

Your host is an English gentleman. Experienced & skilled, he will submit to your demands. Civilized, erotic, discreet. Upper Haight. 722200

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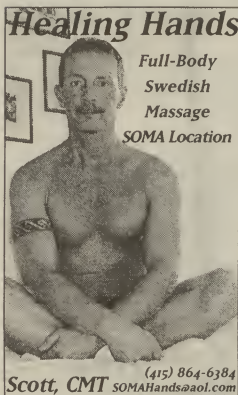
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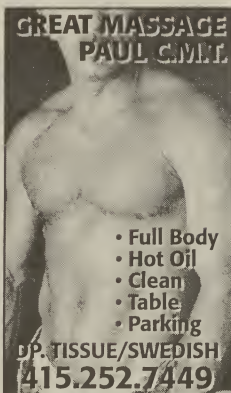
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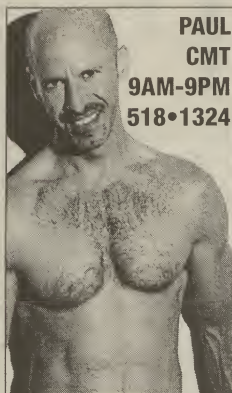
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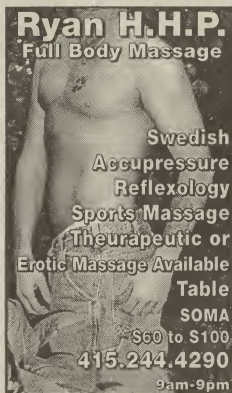
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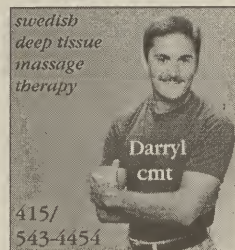


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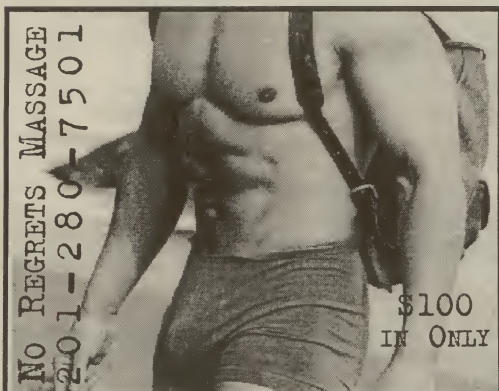


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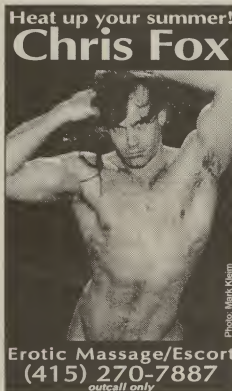
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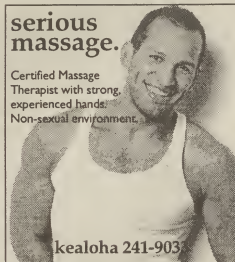
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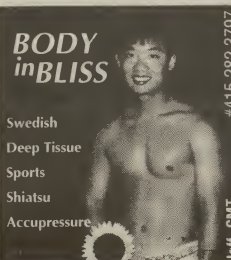
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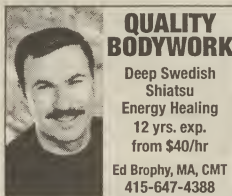
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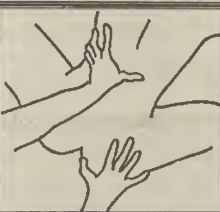
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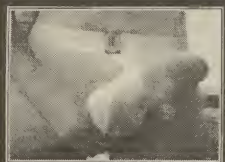
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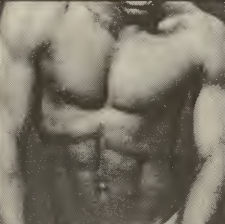
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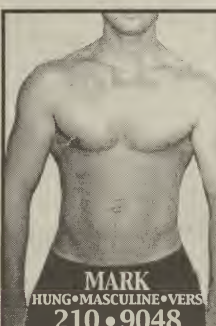


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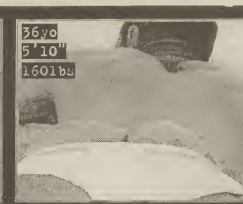
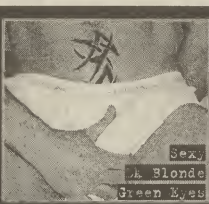
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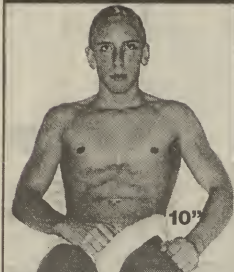
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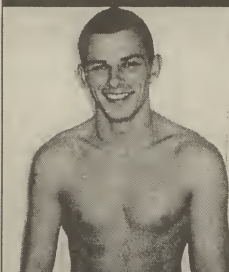
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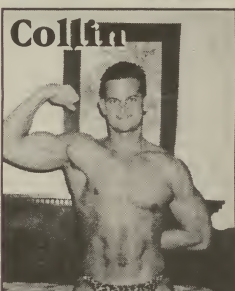
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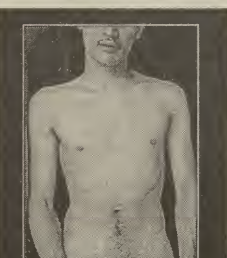


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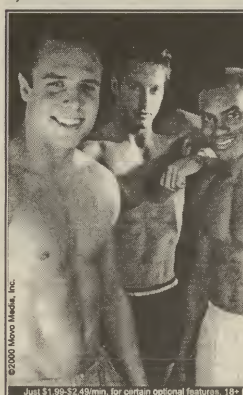
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